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EARLY TOWN PAPERS.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

EARLY TOWN PAPERS.

GILMANTON.

This is one of the old townships, and was granted May 20, 1727, to Nicholas Gilman and one hundred and seventy-five others, but was not settled until about 1761, when Benjamin and John Mudgett moved into town with their families and there settled.

The Masonian Proprietors claimed the land, but a settlement was made whereby they relinquished their claim to all but eighteen shares, giving the town proprietors a quit-claim deed June 30, 1752.

Iron ore was discovered in the town, and works for the manufacture of iron were built as early as 1763, but the business not proving remunerative was in a few years abandoned.

Governor's Island was annexed to the town December 30, 1799. June 16, 1812, the northerly part of the town was set off and incorporated into a town by the name of Gilford. July 5, 1851, a tract of land was severed from this town and annexed to Gilford.

By an act passed June 29, 1859, the town was divided, and the north-westerly part incorporated into a town by the name of Upper Gilmanton, which name was changed to Belmont June 24, 1869.

Gen. Joseph Badger was the first magistrate, and for many years a prominent citizen of the town. He was a member of the council in 1784, 1790-'91, 1795-'96. Gen. Badger was born in Haverhill, Mass., January 11, 1722, and died April 4, 1803; was grandfather of Gov. William Badger.

[4-85] [*Petition for Authority to assess and collect Taxes, 1737.*]

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER Esqr: Govr and Commander *In Chief* in and Over His Majesty's Province of New Hamp^{re}: The Honble His Majesty's Council & House of Representatives for Said Province in Genl Court assembled—

The Petition of a Committee of the Proprietors of Gilmantown in the Province afores^{d} in behalf of the said Proprietors Humbly Sheweth—That the Propriet^{rs} afore^{sd} live in Several Towns within this Province & Some of them who became So by Purchase live in the Province of the Mass^{a} Bay—whereby they can by no means already Provided, Collect the money Voted by the Propriet^{rs} afores^{d} to carry on the Settlem^{t} & other matters relating to the Said Townships & Propriety, any further than they Voluntarily pay the Same.—

That for want of Legal Authority to Collect the Said money the Settlem^{t} of the Said Town is greatly Retarded, and an unequal Burthen bro't upon Such of the Said Proprietors as are Diligent & forward in carrying on the Settlem^{t} who are Sometimes obliged to pay more than their proportion to prevent a total neglect of the Settlement.

That the Propriet^{rs} who are zealously Concern'd to promote the Said Settlem^{t} have been at Great Charge to Cut a Way up to the Said Township, & building houses of Defence, Laying out their Lots &c—which they only have Defrayed—

Your Peticon^{rs} in behalf of themselves & their Constituents therefore Humbly pray This Honble Court that you would be pleased to Enable their Selectmen for the time being to tax the Said Propriet^{rs} to all Legal Charges relating to the Said Township And also the Constables or Collectors for the time being to Levy the Same on the Lands & rights of the Propriet^{rs} who Neglect to pay their Said Taxes in Season and to make Sale of So much of the Said Lands of any Delinquent Propriet^{rs} in the Same or Some Such manner as Constables of Towns are Enabled to do with the Goods of Such as do not Seasonably pay their Town Rates or in Such other way & manner as you in yor Great Wisdom & Goodness Shall See meet—

And Your Petition^{rs} as in Duty bound Shall ever pray &c

John Gilman
John Brown

In The House of Representatives. Voted That The Prayer of the Petition^{rs} be granted with this Amendment—

That the Constable before the Sale of any Lands Destraned upon Give forty Days Notice in Some one or more of the publick Prints of the destres and Sale of Such Lands, and that y^{e}

Lands So distraned upon be sold to the highest bider and after the sale thereof if there be any overplush besides a Suficiency to Pay that Assesment and the Charges acruing thereon, that ye Constable pay the Said Surplusage to ye Select men of S^d Town and there to remain in S^d Select mens hands and y^r to remain, in order for ye Said Delinq^t or Delinquents Proprieters to Draw out the Same when they Demand It—and if not demanded before a new Asesment then to be disposed of to defray S^d Charges of the new Asesments—Provided this act Continue for the Space of ten years & no Longer and that the Sale of Such Lands be a good title to ye Purchaser any Law usage or Custom to ye Conteray notwithstanding and that the Pet^rs have Liberty to Bring a Bill accordingly

James Jeffrey Cle^r ass^m

In Coun^l March 30th 1737—
Read and non-concurr'd unanimously—
Richd Waldron Sec^y

[4–86] [*Petition of Inhabitants relative to a Road, 1770.*]

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esqre—Captain General and Governour in Chief the Honble Council and the Honble House of Representatives of His majesties province of New hampshire in New England—

The Petition of us the subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Gilmantown, Humbly shew that by an act of this Government the proprietors of said Town were obliged to make a Road through the same and that we have Been always Informed that the Inhabitants had no Concern in it and the proprietors have Disobeyed the Courts order and voted that they would not make the Road and the Courts Committee have Been obliged to Do it and we understand that some of the proprietors of said Town are Desirous that this Great and Honourable Court would order that all the Lotts in said Town should be Taxed to pay that Charge which we apprehend would be a Grievous Burden upon us that are Inhabitants there for the Inhabitants have Ventur^d their Lives and fortunes to settle that town and have had no help from the proprietors to make any Road in it or but a very little and are obliged to be at the Expence of two Hundred Dollars a Year to make and maintain their Necessary Roads and if the Expence of making the province Road should be paid by a Tax on the Lotts there is a Great Number of proprietors who own Large Interest in the Common Lands that will pay Little or nothing by Reason they have sold the Greatest part of what

is Laid out and at an Exorbitant price by Reason of the settlement and Roads we have made at our own Expence

Therefore your Petitioners Humbly pray that Your Excellency and this Great and Honourable Court would take the matter into Consideration and Grant us some Releif as Your Excellency and Honours in your Great wisdom shall Judge proper and your petitioners as in Duty bound shall Ever pray &c

Dated at Gilmantown afores^{d} Novr 20th 1770

Saml Fifield	Gilman Lougee	Samuel Avery
John Dudley	Samuel hatch	John Been
Simeon Bean	Edward Lock	Stephen Bean
Beniamin James	John Moody	Daniel folsom
Samuel morrison	Dudley young	Daniel Stevens
Joseph Avery	Nath^{ll} Elkins	Nicholas Gilman
Abnar Clough	Samuel Gilman	Benjamin Gilman
John Sanborn	Lemuel Rand	wintrop Gilman
Samuel Clough	Benj^{a} Avery	Jeremiah Connor
Benjamin Weeks	Andrew Glidden	David Elkins
Sam^{ll} Avery ju^{r}	John fox	stephen dudley
Wm Smith	Summersbee Gilman	Edward Gilman
Matthias Sawyer	Jotham Gilman	thomas mudget
David Edgerly	Ephraim morrill	Simeon mudget
Philip Pain	Edwd Gilman jun	Jude Bean
Joshua Bean	Ebenz^{r} Paige	Jeremy Cogswell
Nathl Wilson	Jonathan Edgerly	Jrimiah richisen
Beniamin dow	Joseph Philbrick	Jonathan Gilman
Eliphalet Gilman	Samuel Ladd	

4–87] [*Petition for a Magistrate.*]

State of New Hampshire Strafford ss.

To his Excelency the President and the Honourable Council for Said State Convened.

The humble Petition of us the Subscribers being Inhabitants of the southerly part of Gilmantown in the County and State aforesaid humbly sheweth that whereas the said town of Gilmantown is large and Consisting of near Four Hundred Rateable Poles & as there is no person that is appointed and Quallified as a Justice of the peace in the Southerly part of the Said town as Afores'd and we Your Petitioners pray your Excelency and Honours would appoint and Quallify M^{r}. John Shepard of said town as a Justice of the peace for said County; as we think him to be a man of the best Quallification with us for the same: and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

Joshua Bangs	Stephen Bent^{t}	True Page
Nat^{l} Gilman	Joseh Looge	Elisha Hutchinson
John melcher	John Swain J^{r}	Jonathan Gilman 3
Daniel Evens	Jonathan Avery	Josiah Avery
Reuben osGood	Samuel Prescott	Elisha Sweat
John Tucker	Winslo Page	Nathan Morrill
Theophilus Drew	John Lougee Jr	Henery Barter
Stephen Hutchinson	Samuel moses	George Moses
John Melcher juner	Stephen Swain	John Chase
Benjamin Grant	Joseph Gilman jun	Joseph Jones
scribner muget	Samuel Smith Junr	Ebenz^{r} Paige
Micajah Morrill	David meeder	Joseph young
Ephraim morrill	Samuel Avery	Josiah Avery Juner
Aaron moses	Jonathan Flanders	Jotham Gilman
Joseph flanders	Jonathan Hutchinson	John Huckins
Samuel Osgood	Josiah Rundlet	Jeremy Cogswell
Natha Wilson Jur	Pitt Lougee	John Edgerly Jr
Paul Merrill	Sam^{ll} Shepard	

[Revolutionary Papers, Manuscript, pages 12 to 15.]

[*Letter from Col. Jos. Badger to Committee of Safety.*]

To the Honble The Committee of Safety for the Colony of New Hampshire—Gentlemen Pursuant to orders from Nathl Folsom Esq Maj^{r} General I have proportioned the men sent for on the several Companys in my Regiment and the officers have Returned the Names of the men and as sent for except two wanting from Leavitts town [Effingham] and two from Middletown, and as there is no militia officers chosen there I applyed to the selectmen and Committee of Safety and they say that their men are so many gone in the warr that they cant raise any more as to Leavitts town if their should be danger of Indians I think they are exposed as they are the outside and the selectmen dont Incline to spare any out of their town and so I shall come four short of the Number sent for which I hope you^{l} please to abate as Leavitts town Tamworth and Sandwich are frontier towns as my Regiment is so Extensive for Land I have ordered my men to be muster^{d} next frieday at Gilmantown and to come prepared to march forward as they shall have orders there is Between fifty and sixty that are to pass muster who are to have Liberty of Chusing their officers they have unanimously agreed upon their Capt. and first Lieut. if they can have Incouragement they will equip themselves and go with the men. the men will be all mustered on frieday and ready to march and wait your fur-

ther orders I am Gentlemen your Hon^{rs} most obe^{t} & Hum^{l} Sert

Gilmantown July ye 15th 1776 Joseph Badger Colonel of the tenth Regiment of militia in the Colony of New hampshire

[*Roll of Men of Col. Badger's Regiment, mustered July 23, 1776.*]

Colony of New hampshire }
Strafford ss. } Gilmantown July 23^{d} 1776

Pursuant to a vote of the Council and Assembly and by orders from the Major General of this Coloney I have Raised out of the Regiment under my Command to Reinforce the Army supposed to be at Crown Point the several men hereafter named as follows viz

Mustered by James Knowles Esq and marched in Capt Badgers Company.

Joseph Badger Jr.	Stephen Hutchins	Stephen Scribner
John Parsons	Nathaniel Dow	John Fullerton
Francis Blake	William Ray	John Piper
Winthrop Durgan	John Marston	William Rogers
Bradbury Sinkler	Ebenezer Blake	John Folsom
Richard Sinkler	Jonathan Magoon	Stephens Burley
Jeramiah Richardson	Samuel Meeloon	William Burley
Stepen Dudley	John Drake	William Eastman
Robert Tibbitts	Jonas Carter	Chase Wiggin
David Clough	John Cooley	Jonathan Buzzell
Joshua Sinkler	Benjn Burley	John Barker
John Avery	Stephen Gilman	Jonathan Smith
Thomas Currier	Ethridge	Jonathan James
Jonathan Gilman	John Glidden	
Jabez James	Jonathan Lary	

Mustered by Coll Baker and gone in the same company

Ephraim Roberts John Powell

Mustered by Coll Baker and gone in Capt Drews company

Joseph Runnils	Job Allard	Richard Colomy
John York	Jesse Wiggins	John Wentworth
William Chandler	Henry Wentworth	Benjamin Horne
Peavey	Josiah Wiggins	

Benj^{a} Mooney Listed with Capt Harper
Samuel Winslow gone with Capt Marston.

Mustered by Col[l] Walker and gone with Cap[t] Shepard

Moses Randal	Samuel Mackeriss	Jonathan Morrison
Jonathan Smith Jr	Thomas Crosbey	Timothy Somes
Ezekiel Danford	Jonathan Smith	Elisha Cummins

65 men in all

There is eight wanting of the number required, which are from Leavitts town two from Tamworth two from Middletown three from Sandbornton one—The reasons are as follows viz. Leavitts town having no officers nor selectmen nor Committee of Safety I applied to Tho[s] Parsons Esq who said that they were so exposed being the frontier town that he thought it would not be safe to spare any men out of that town, and did not think he could possibly raise any

The Cap[t] of Tamworth writes to me that the state of their town is that they have fourteen men now in the service and but twelve men at home fit for duty but with great difficulty he has obtained one man who appeared on muster day but on hearing his complaint and the Captains Letter by advice of Deac Knowles the muster master I Released him

The selectmen of Middletown were desired to Raise five men that being their proportion and they made return that there were so many of their men now in the service that they had done all in their power and could raise but three men and on muster day one of the selectmen came with two of the men and said that the third was taken sick and like to remain so there was but two mustered

The Cap[t] of Sandbornton says that they have twenty six men now in the service but notwithstanding he raised the men sent for but Col[o] Walker the muster master put by one by reason he was so small and the Captain prays he may be excused from raising another to supply his place by reason it would be attended with so much difficulty

Col[l] Evans Taxed me Publickly at Concord for obtaining an order for my men to march by misrepresenting the number of my Company but if I did it was what was Impossible for any one to avoid for if I remember I wrote that my Company would consist of Between fifty and sixty men and at that time I had Return of five men from Wakefield five from New Durham, one from Middletown and one from Tamworth, that they would appear on muster day but afterwards ten of them enlisted with Cap[t] Drew and one proved sick and one I released which no man could foresee which twelve men added to forty four now gone would make fifty six which would I think agree very near with what I wrote Notwithstanding all Col[l] Evans parade

about the superiority of his Regiment and of the ancient town of Dover when we mett at Concord it was in the power of my men to have chosen every officer but when the Capt was chose I spoke to my men and desired that they would consent that Col^{l} Evans^{s} men should Nominate the two Lieutenants which they unanimously agreed to had Col^{l} Evans^{s} men been more in numbers than mine I believe it is the opinion of the Gentlemen spectators that he would not have advised as I did. I would not have been so troublesome but as my Character Laboured I thought it necessary to sett the matter clear

I am your Honours most ob^{t} Hum^{l} Servt

Joseph Badger

To the Honourable the Committee of Safety for the Colony of New hampshire

[Ibid, p. 27.] [*Roll of Officers in Col. Badger's Reg't, 1776.*]

[Col. Badger's Tenth Regiment, as returned by him in 1776, was composed of the following companies:]

Field Officers

Joseph Badger Esq Colonel Ebenezer Smith Esq Lieu^{t} Colonel
Vacant First major Bradbury Richardson Esq second major

First Company in Gilmantown—Officers

Captain	First Lieut.	Second Lieut.
Nathaniel Wilson	Joseph Philbrick	Daniel Stevens

Ensign Jonathan Clark

Second Company in Wolfsborough not yet returned

Third Company in Sandbornton

Chase Taylor Josiah Sanborn Jacob Smith James Gibson

Fourth Company in Meredith

Joshua Chrockitt John Kimball William Ray Robert Bryant

Fifth Company in Barnstead

Richard Sinkler Jonathan Emerson Samuel Pittman
Benjamin Nutter

Sixth Company in Moultonborough

Nathaniel Ambrose John Adams William Plaistead
Joseph Richardson

Seventh Company in New Durham

Robert Boody Shadrach Allard Thomas French John Glidden

Eighth Company in Sandwich

Daniel Beede Ju^{r} Joshua Prescott Josiah Bean Jacob Weed

Ninth Company in Middletown vacant

Tenth Company in Wakefield vacant

Eleventh Company in Leavitts town vacant

Twelfth Company in Gilmantown

John Moodey Samuel Ladd Simeon Bean Noah Dow

Thirteenth Company in Tamworth

Stephen Mason Jonathan Choat John Fowler
Jonathan Burgees

Fourteenth Company in the Gore [now Alton]

Joseph Robards Ephraim Chamberlain John Glidden
Timothy Davis

Dated at Gilmantown march ye 5th A : D : 1776

Joseph Badger Colonel

To the Honorable the Council and House of Representatives for the Colony of New Hampshire.

[R. 2–19] [*Gilmanton Soldiers' Orders and Receipts.*]

Gilmanton march 17th 1783 Received of the Town of Gilmanton Twelve pound Lawful money It being In full for my part of my Husband Nehemiah Leavitts wages For one year who Is a Soldier In the Continental army For said Town I say Received by me From the 13th Day of Febr^{y} 1783

her
Sarah × Leavitt
mark

Test Benj^{a} Sias Edwd Gilman J^{r}

To the Treasurer for the State of New Hampshire for the time being please to pay unto the Select men of the town of Gilmantown the whole of the wages Due to me for my Service in the Continental Army the Last year for said Town it being for value Received of said Town

Ammi Choat

Gilmantown March ye 21st 1782.

[The following soldiers order their wages to be paid to the town:

Benj[a] Libbey, for six months in 1781.
Jonathan Taylor, for six months in 1781.
Joseph Morrill, for six months in 1781.
John Cotton, for six months in 1781.]

[R. 2–20]

[Samuel Saunders orders his wages to be paid to Jn[o] Nicholls; John Taylor orders his to be paid to Joseph Badger; Mary Parry orders the wages due her, as heir to her son, Samuel Parry, deceased, to be paid to Benning Pickering, and the selectmen certify that she is heir to said Samuel.]

[4–90 [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1785.*]

State of New Hamp[r]

In the House of Representatives Nov[r] 5th 1783.

Voted, That the Selectmen of each Town & Place within this State be directed to return under oath to the Assembly of this State at their next Session the exact number of Male Polls from twenty one years of Age & upwards paying for themselves a Poll Tax within the said Towns and Places in Order to apportion the Representation of this State according to the new Constitution—

sent up for concurrence

John Dudley Speak[r]

In Council the same Day Read & concurred.

E. Thompson Sec[y]

a True Copy

Attest[a] E Thompson Se[y]

No 252 Polls In the Town of Gilmantown Paying for themselves a Poll Tax in the year 1783—being the age of Twenty One Years—

Gilmantown December the 12 1783

Edward Gilman } Selectmen of
Joseph Parsons } Gilmantown

state of Newhampshire strafford ss—

Gilmantown, Decem[r] y[e] 13th 1783

Then the above Named Edward Gilman and Joseph Parsons Personally appearing made solemn oath that the account

of the Number of Polls in the Town of Gilmantown by them Exhibited as above is Just and true according to the best of their Judgment sworn before Joseph Badger Justice of Peace

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[4-91] [*Petition for a Magistrate, 1788.*]

To His Excellency the President of the state of New hampshire and Honour^{ble} the Council of s^{d} state the Petition, of us Inhabitants of the town of Gilmantown,—

Humbly sheweth—that the town, of Gilmantown, is a Large tract of Land as Large as three six mile towns and that the southeast part of said town are fully settled with Inhabitants and that there is no Justice of the Peace within about five miles of them, and it would be very Convenient to have one in that part of the town, Your petitioners therefore pray Your Excellency and Honours that Capt Joseph Parsons may be appointed to that office he being in our opinion, a suitable person for the office and Lives in the most Convenient place to serve the people of that part of the town, and Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall Ever pray &c

Dated at Gilmantown, Decem^{r} ye 22^{d} 1788

David Bean	Noah Dow	Charles Rundlet
Joseph Huckins Junr	John Nelson	Samuel Greely
Robert Rogers	Thomas Cogswell	Peaslee Badger
Simeon Taylor	Robert moulton	Daniel Gale
Nathaniel Dow	Peter Folsom	Antipas Gilman Jur
Joseph Clifford	Nath^{ll} Willson	Jonathan Ross
Edward Gilman Ju	John Sanborn	peter folsom 3
John Gilman	Thomas Flanders Ju^{r}	
Peter Gilman	Simeon Copp	

[Joseph Parsons was appointed January 28, 1789.—Ed.]

[4-92] [*Petition to have Courts held at Norway Plains, 1789.*]

To His Excellency the President the Honble Senate and the Honble the House of Representatives of the state of New hampshire In General Court Assembled June ye 4th 1789

The Petition of us the subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Gilmantown, in the County of strafford Humbly sheweth that all the Courts of said County are now Held at Dover and Durham, which places are at the Very Lower End of the County

and many of the Inhabitants of the County have to travel from a Great Distance some fifty and some sixty miles which is a Great hardship upon the people—

Therefore Your petitioners pray Your Excellency and Honours that all the Courts of said County may be moved to norway plain, in Rochester in s^{d} County where we apprehend to be the most Convenient place as all the Roads seem to Center there and a Convenient place for publick Buildings and Good accommodations for the Court

And Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall Ever pray &c

Joseph Badger	Peaslee Badger	micajah Kelley
Daniel Grant	Jeremiah Sanborn	Daniel Gilman Ju^{r}
Abraham Smith	Jacob Kelley	Simeon Copp
Benj^{a} Wm Dean	Elisha Odlin	Stephen Gilman
Noah Marsh	Stephen Dudley Jr	Samuel thurstan
Jesse Louge	Joseph Garman	Ephraim Libbee
Samuel Brown Jur	Wiggin Taylor	Benjamin Smith
Abraham Smith Jur	Benjamin Stevens	Nathanael Kimball
John thurston	Jeremiah Morrill	Benjn Dow
John Sincler	Nicholas Gorden	William Price
Thomas Hayes	Jonathan louge	William Price jun
Simeon Taylor	Robert moulton	John Bond
Andrew Page	David Sanborn	John Marston
William Thompson	Daniel Moulton	Joseph Clark
Joseph Avery	moses Page	alexander Gorden
Abner Evens Jur	Jeremiah Gorden	
Nehemiah Louge	Nathaniel Dow	

[On three other petitions of the same date and wording are the following names:—Ed.]

Jacob Currier	Isaac Currier	John Nelson
Charles Rundlet	Jeremiah Chandler	James Ladd
Joshua Gilman Jr	Mark Emerson	Jonathan gilman
William Rowell	Jonathan flanders	John Swain
Stephen Swain	Jotham Gilman	Joseph Gale
Daniel Gale Jun	William Rand	Richard Jones
Ezekiel Hoit	Samuel Follett	Joseph Huckins
Zebulon Gilman	Peter Gilman	Nicholas Gilman
Paul Merrill	Joshua Gilman	William Nelson
Joseph Clifford	Samuel Dockham	John Bean Ju
David Bean	Isaac Batchelder	Jonathan Dow
Jonathan Sargent	Stephen Bean	Benjamin Pain
Simeon Bean	Samuel Mudget	Dudley Hutchinson
Jacob Rowe	William Casey	John Swett
Jacob Tucker	James Elkins	John elkins

Saml Fifield
Jeremiah Richeson
Peter folsom
BartholomewGilman
John Weeks
William Dame
Samuel maxfeald
David Folsom
Scribner Mudgit
David Fifield
Ebenezer Stevens
Perkins Dow
William Louge
Dudley Gilman
Peter Dudley
David meeder
Ebenezer Page
Winthrop Giluman
Samuel Smith
Micajah Morrill
Jude Bean
Jeremiah Connor
Wm Smith
Dudley Milman
Paul Bickford
John Parsons
Enoch Hunt
Samuel Prescott
Samuel Clough
Nath^{ll} webster
Samuel F. Gilman
Samuel Blasdel
Abel Hunt
Stephen Leavitt
Samuel Ladd
William Bennet
Jacob Jewett
Nathaniel Gale
John Sanborn
Charles Currier
Jeremy Connor
Dudley Gilman
Samuel Gilman Jr
David Clough
Joseph Richardson
John Lang Weeks
Caleb James

Jacob Gale
Joshua Bradford
Jonathan Elkins
Joseph Richardson
Daniel folsom
Joseph Morrill
Matthias Weeks
Bezaleel Beede
Samuel osgood
John fifield
Peter Bean
william Edwards
Joseph Huckins Jun
Jonathan Ross
Stephen Dudley
Ezekiel Edgerly
Hibbard Morrill
Samuel Greeley
Joseph young
Zebediah Wattson
Ebenezr Page Jr
Joseph young Ju^{r}
Antipas Gilman
Samuel Gilman
Dudley Prescott
Israel Farrar
Nathl Wilson
Ruben osGood
Thomas Flanders Ju^{r}
Samuel Tilton
Lowel Sanborn
Philbrick Row
Levi Gilman
Stephen Gale
Samuel Jewett
Samuel Jewet
David Page
John Shepard
John Bean
Jonathan Gilman Ju
Stephen prescutt
Jonathan Folsom
Jeremi Richardson Jur
Benjamin Weeks
Thomas Sewall
Jonathan Morrison

Daniel Rowell
Nathan Heart
Nathaniel Gilman
Benjamin Richardson
Thomas morill
wintrip Barret
Matthias Weeks Ju
Elish Sweat
Joseph Jones
Nathaniel Tilton
Caleb Bean
Noah Dow
Israel French
John Dudley
Dudley Young
Jeremy Cogswell
Ira kimball
Edward Gilman Ju
Timothy Smith
Isaiah Clough
Joshua Bangs
Thomas Gilman
Jonathan Nelson
Jonathan Gilman
John moody
Ephraim Bickford
James Chase
Abner Clough
John Tilton
Josiah Rundlett
Benjamin thurstan
Jacob Rundlet
Malachi Daveis
John Gilman Junr
John Mash
John Wadleigh
Jona flagg
thomas foster
William Parsons Jr
Jonathan Prescott
Jonathan Rundlet
John Bradbury
Eben^{r} Eastman
Benjn Richardson
Samuel Young
John Edgerly
Simeon Hoyt

wintrop Gilman	Jonathan Thing	winthrop Thing
John Bennet jun^{r}	Noah Weeks	Jabez James
John Folsom	Nath Weeks	Josiah Weeks
Benja Bodge	Jeduthan farrar	Jonath Edwards
William Morrison	Samuell Clark	Enoch Clark
Joseph Badger 3^{d}	Robert Morrison	George Wamouth
Joshua Mudget	Simeon Mason	Levi Bean
Edward Bean	Saml Ames	

[4-96] [*Action of Town relative to Gilmanton Academy, 1792.*]

At a Legal Town meeting held by the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gilmanton on Thursday the Eighth day of March 1792—

Voted to Choose a Committee to Consist of Twenty men to take under their Consideration the appropriating the School Right in said Town for a Publick Academy to be set up in some Convenient place in said Town and to make report at the adjournment of this present meeting—

Co^{l} Antipas Gilman Mj^{r} Samuel Ladd Thomas Cogswell Esqr Lt Samuel Folsome Gilman Dr Jonathan Hill Co^{l} Badger Col Greeley Capt Joseph young Thomas Taylor Benj^{a} Weeks Esqr William Price Joseph Parsons Esqr Hon Joseph Badger Esqr John Shepard Esqr Lt Dudley Thing Josiah Avery Micajah Morrill Moses Page Revd Mr Smith and Mr Powers were Chosen for the above Committee

Voted to adjourn this present meeting to the first monday in May Next at Two of the Clock in the afternoon

Monday May 7th 1792 pursuant to the adjournment met

Voted to Except the Committes Report respecting the appropriating the School Right to the benefit of an Academy in said Town and is as follows—

April 19th 1792

at a meeting of the Committee to Consider of the propriety and advantage of Establishing an Academy in Gilmanton

Voted 1st that it is the sense of the Committee that establishing an Academy in this Town would be useful to the Inhabitants and beneficial to the Publick—

2^{ly} Voted as it has been Represented to the Committee that the value of five Hundred pounds would be subscribed by Individuals for the above purpose therefore under these Considerations We the major part of your Committee do agree and it is our Opinion that the appropriation of the School Right towards

Establishing an Academy in this Town would be agreable to the Spirit of the Charter and the design of Goverment and therefore that it ought to be appropriated accordingly

Isaac Smith	Wm Price	Joseph young	Committee
Micajah Morrill	Antipas Gilman	Thomas Cogswell	
Samuel Greeley	Joseph Badger Jur	Walter Powers	
Moses Page	Benjs Weeks	Joseph Badger	
Dudley Thing	Samuel Ladd	Joseph Parsons	
		John Shepard	

upon the Towns voteing to receive the above Report of the Committee Respecting the School Right in Gilmanton, voted that the whole of said Right. Excepting the Northwest half part of the first Division forty acre Lot which is reserved for Public uses be Given and Granted forever hereafter for the benefit and Support of an academy in said Town of Gilmanton when ever there shall be a Sufficient fund subscribed to Set up the same

attest Wm Smith Town Clerk

At a Legal Town meeting held by the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gilmanton on Monday the 27th Day of Inst. (meaning) August 1792

Voted to Choose a Committe to consist of Seven men to take the Charge of the Right of Land voted at the last Town meeting for the use of an Academy in Said Town and to apply to the General Court to procure an act for Incorporation and to open a Subscription for the benefit of said Academy

Hon. Joseph Badger Esqr Col Ebenezer Smith Col Samuel Greeley Joseph Parsons Esqr Col Antipas Gilman Thomas Cogswell Esqr and Joseph Badger Jur Esqr were Chosen for the above Committee

attest Wm Smith Town Clerk

At the annual Town meeting held by the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gilmanton March 14th 1793

voted that the proposed Academy shall be set on Col Badgers Land within Thirty Rods of the School House by Huckins's Brook so Called—

voted to adjourn said meeting to Monday 25th of March Instant at one oClock P M—

March 25th Met according to adjournment

The vote that was passed fixing the place where the proposed Academy should Set is voted to be reconsidered

Voted that a meeting be Called by the Selectmen and be Seasonably Notified to be held on the first Monday in September to determine where the proposed Academy Shall set

Attest Joseph Parsons Town Clerk

At a Legal meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Gilmanton on Monday the Second day of September 1793 voted that the proposed Academy shall be Erected on Joseph Badger Junr Esqr Land near Huckis^{e} Brook within fifty Rods of the School House

attest Joseph Parsons Town Clerk

[4-97] [*Thomas Cogswell to Hon. Abiel Foster relative to the Academy.*]

Amherst 14th June 1794—

Sir—

The duties of my Office require my attendance on Tuesday next, at Moultonborough, Eighty or ninety Miles from this place—Since I was before the Hon^{l} Senate a Doubt has arisen, whither the Land voted by the Town, of Gilmanton for the use of an Academy, can be holden for the use of Such an institution; If it should turn out that they cannot be holden, there would be a great impropriety in the vote of the Town carrying so large a feature in the Act—What amendments the Hon^{le} Senate may propose—I shall be so unfortunately situated, as not to know at present—under these circumstances. If my Proposals of amendment should not meet the approbation of the Hon^{le} Senate, & no relieaf granted, I must, under all circumstances request the Hon^{le} Senate to Postpone the Bill until the next Session of the Genl Court—Perhaps before that time we shall compromise & Settle the matter, which at present appears to be in dispute between us—

I am Sir with much etseem Yours &c—

Thomas Cogswell—

Hon^{l} Abiel Foster

[4-98] [*Thomas Cogswell to Hon. John Prentice, relative to the Academy.*]

Amherst June 12th 1794—

Sir

it often happens that a Citizen doing Business with the Legislative Body of the State is under the Necessity through you to Communicate his Sentiments on a Subject that is not only interesting to himself but the public, under these circumstances I trust it will be a Sufficient appoligy for me to request you to lay before the Representative Body of this State the following Sentiments—Viz.—Sometime Since the Town of Gilmantown appointed Joseph Badger Esq and others a Committee to open

a Subscription for the Benefit of an Accademy in Said Town, and to apply for an Act of incorporation early in this Session a Petition was prefer'd to this Honerable Body for an Act of incorporation of an Accademy in Said Town and an Order of this Court Issued with Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly. The Act for that purpose now under consideration contains a Clause fixing the place of said Accademy in Said Town which to me appears to exceed the power of the Committee or agents from the Town.—to exceed the request of the Petitioners, to Exceed the Order of Court thereon and is differant from any other grant of this kind, known in the Union—it will have a tendency (if So continued) to enhance the Board of pupils and many ways discourage and hinder the increase and prosperity of Such a Semminary of Learning—under these considerations, I Flatter myself it will be considered when I Suggest the Idea of the Clause fixing the Accademy at a Certain place to be Struck out, that I have no other view than the General Good—

I am Sir
with Every Sentiment of Esteem
your Most Obe^t hum^l Servant
Thomas Cogswell

The Honble John Printis Speaker of the House of Representatives Stat N Hampshire

[4-99

To the Honourable the senate and House of Representatives for said state Humbly shew

We the subscribers agents appointed by the Town of Gilmanton, to apply to the General Court for an Incorporation of an academy in Gilmanton, we therefore pray Your Honours that an act of the General Court may be Passed for the establishment of said academy with Powers and privileges Enjoyed by other academys in said state and Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall Ever pray &c

Dated at Gilmanton, May ye 5th 1794

Joseph Badger	Eben^r Smith	Antipas Gilman
Samuel Greeley	Joseph Parsons	Thomas Cogswell
Joseph Badger Jr		

[Gilmanton Academy was incorporated June 20, 1794, with the following gentlemen as trustees: Hon. Joseph Badger, Rev. Isaac Smith, Rev. Joseph Woodman, Rev. Jedediah Tucker, Rev. Simon Fenley Williams, Joseph Badger, Jr., Thomas Cogswell, Ebenezer Smith, Joseph Parsons, and Samuel Greeley. The institution has been successful, and numbers many eminent men among its alumni.—Ed.]

GILSUM.

This town was granted December 28, 1752, to Joseph Osgood and others, by the name of Boyle. None of these grantees ever settled in the town, probably on account of the depredations of the Indians, and the grant was forfeited.

It was regranted July 13, 1763, to Samuel Gilbert and others. Said Gilbert and Thomas Sumner were prominent in procuring the grant. Their families were connected by marriage, and the town was named by taking the first syllable of each name and coining the word Gilsum.

Jonathan Bliss and Josiah Kilburn were the first settlers, in 1762. March 9, 1769, the west part of the town was set off, and, with a portion of Westmoreland, incorporated into the town of Surry.

September 27, 1787, the south-east part of the town was set off, joined with portions of Keene, Stoddard, and Packersfield (Nelson), and incorporated into the town of Sullivan.

A dispute relative to the boundary line between this town and Stoddard was settled by an act passed June 27, 1797, by which the "curve line of Mason's Patent" was made the dividing line of the two towns, and Gilsum lost another tract of land.

In 1873 a few acres of land were taken from Sullivan and annexed to this town.

Every man in town signed the "Association Test," and the town did its full share in the Revolutionary war and in the suppression of the Southern Rebellion.

Among the prominent men of the town was Hon. George W. Hammond, for many years an eminent physician. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1850, member of the state senate in 1855–'56, and died January 30, 1872, at the age of 70 years.

[4–111] [*Petition for a Grant of the Township, 1752.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq Govr of the Province of New Hampshire &c.

Humbly Shews—

The Petition of William Lawrence of Groton & Thomas Read of Westford in the Province of the Massa^tts That they together With fifty Six more of their Neighbours Are desireous

of Setling a township in the Province of New Hampshire many of them not Having a Sufficiency of Lands in the Massachusetts to Employ them Selves in Husbandry And haveing Account of a tract of Land Yet ungranted by Your Excellency, that we Apprehend is Capable of Setlement. (which Lyes Northerly of the Upper Ashuelot and Westmoreland and Easterly from Walepool Adjoyning to those towns, and Extends Eastward to make the Contents of Six miles Square) and in case we may Obtain the favour of your Excellency in making us a grant on ye Conditions, Other of his Majestys Lands there are Granted, Shall make a Spedy & Effectuall Setlement there

Wherefore we pray that y^r Excellency would See meet to favour us with Liberty to Survey the Same Under your directions, And that we may Obtain a Grant Accordingly And as in Duty bound Shall pray &c

Groton March 16: 1752 William Lawrence
Thomas Read

[4-110] [*Petition to have the Charter lengthened out, 1763.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Govr & Commander in Chief in and Over his Majesty's Province of New Hamp^r and To the hon^ble his Majesty's Council for Said Province

The memorial of Thomas Sumner in Behalf of himself & Others Prop^rs in the Town of Boyle in Said Province, Shews

That in the Year 1752 Your Excell^y & Honors Granted the Township of Boyle upon the Conditions & under the restrictions as Per Charter Declar'd—

That by the Intervention of the Late War your Memorialist's Constituents have been (till Very Lately) Prevented from Doing the Duty, but Notwithstanding they have Sever'd & Drawn by Lotts the Said Tract of Land to & among all the Prop^rs, that Many of Your Memorialists Constituents are now Actually Living with their familys on S^d Tract of Land & Many More Going Early In the Spring & there are Now Many Acres of Wheat Sowd there & In all Probability the Township Will be Intirely Settled According to the True & Intent & Meaning of the Grant by Next Summer But as the Time Prefix'd in the Grant Was Elaps'd & that Before it Was Possible (for the reason afores^d) for 'em To Enter & Improve, they Conceive it Absolutely Necessary that Your Excell^y & Honors (if you think fit) Sho^d Grant a Suspension of the forfeiture & further indulge 'em with Such a Term of time as they may be Enabled to fulfill the Duty aforesaid & are Encouraged to Ask the fav^r Because your Exc^y &

honors are Wonted To Endulge Prop^{rs} in the Like Circumstances & Your Memorialist Shall Ever pray—

Jany 24 1763. Thos Sumner

[The foregoing petition was granted by a regrant of the township by the name of Gilsum, July 13, 1763.—Ed.]

[4-109] [*Relative to Boundary Line between this town and Stoddard.*]

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esqre Capt General Governor & Commander in Chief in & Over his Majesty's Province of New Hamp^{r} The Honble his Majestys Council for Said Province—

The Memorial of Sampson Stoddard & Jonathan Blanchard for themselves & Others Prop^{rs} of a Tract of Land Called Monad^{k} N° 7, in Said Province Shew

That on the 13th day of July 1763 his Majesty by his Letters Patent under the Seal of Said Province Granted a Tract of Land of the Contents of About Seven Miles Square to Samuel Gilbert Esqr & Others by the Name of Gilsum That a Considerable part was Laid out (as We apprehend By Mistake) within Masons Patent So Called Long Since Granted, to us & asociates That the Grantees of Said Gilsum have faild Making any Settlement on any part So falling within Masons Claim that to prevent Disputes Between his Majestys Good Subjects We pray that We May be Allow^{d} to Improve our Lands as far West as the Patent Line afores^{d} for the Benefit of our Selves & Familys—without Any Interuption from the Grantees of Gillsom & We as In Duty bound shall Ever pray—

Sampson Stoddard

Portsm^{o} July 13, 1768— Jon^{a} Blanchard

[The foregoing was granted. See introduction.—Ed.]

[4-108] [*Relative to Gen. James Reed, 1775.*]

To the respectable Body of Delegates Assembled in Provincial Congress at Exeter in New Hampshire—The Petition of a Considerable number of the Inhabitants of Said Province.

Humbly Sheweth—That your Petitioners are Strongly attached to the true Interest, welfare and safety of this their native Country, and are willing to Exert themselves to the utmost in

the Defence of their Just and Constitutional rights and Priviledges and imagine that any man or Bodies of men who endeavor to wrest them from us ought to be anathematized—

It is real anxiety and concern for our Distressed Country, which causes us thus to trouble you at this time, Your Petitioners apprehend (not that we would Presume to Dictate) that all Persons who have in any measure or Degree Discovered themselves inimical to those Persons, (who have from the first rise of the Controversy Betwixt Great Brittain and the Colonies, approved themselves to their Fellow Countrymen true and Disinterested Patriots, or those who have Derided and Set at nought the Proceedings and resolutions of the united Wisdom of the Colonies in the Late Continental Congress) ought not to Sustain any Office, Either Civil or military in this Critical conjuncture of affairs—Upon a review of these Sentiments, we were not a Little Surprised to here that James Reed Esq of Fitzwilliam was not only in nomination but Actually Appointed a Commander of a Regiment in the Army to be raised for Defending those rights and Immunities which, by some past Conduct we have reason to think were not very highly Esteemed by him; it is truely painfull for us, thus to Impeach the Character of a reputed Gentleman, much more that, of one who otherwise is really so; yet we imagine the Exigency of our affairs will in a Great Measure, if not altogether, attone for Such a Measure of Proceedure,—We Earnestly Desire that neither he or any other Person (who have not Approved, themselves Steady and real Friends to the Great and Glorious Cause in which we are Engaged) Should be Promoted Either in the Civil or Military Lists, Gentlemen Your Influence in this matter will Oblige Thousands besides Your Humble Servants

May 8th 1775

Jonathan Smith
Joshua Darte

thos Darte
Gershom Crocker
Pelatiah Pease
Josiah Goldsmith

Ebenezer Dewey
John Row
John Chapman

Ebenezer Dewey ju
John Row junr
Thomas Harvey

[4-107] [*Relative to a Wire Factory, 1776.*]

To the Honorable Council and house of Representitves of the Colony of New Hampshire.

The Petetion of Joel Kilbourn of Gillsum in said Colony Humbly Sheweth Whereas Your Petetionor being Desirous to Carry on the Business of Makeing Wire and having found by Experience that he can make any Size of iron Wire to Good Perfection yet not being able to Set up the Works unless said

Wire is Sold at much Grater Price than usal—Therefore Humbly Desires Your Honours to take the matter into Consideration and if in Your Wisdom You think Proper to Encourage Said Manafacture by Allowing Your Petitioner a Sum that may Enable him to Set up s^d^ works he will Engage to Sell Said Wire as Cheap as Possable he Being Desireous to Serve the publick in the Best Manner he is able for Which Great Liberality towards him and the Public your Petetioner as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray—

Gillsum May 24th 1776 Joel Kilburne

We the Subscribeıs being Desireous that the Manufacture of makeing Wire may be Set up and being Acquainted with the ingenuity and fidelity of the Petetioner by his Desire have Set our Names here to

Stephen Griswold
Ebenezer Dewey Ju } Slect men
Pelatiah Pease

Signers in Keen

Ephraim Dorman	Thos Baker	James Hunt
Thos Wells	John Houghton	Benj^a^ Hall
Elijah Blake	Achilles Mansfield	Silas Cook
Benj Archer	Robt Gillmor	Israel Houghton
Eliph^t^ Briggs	Joseph Blake	Daniel Kingsbury
Josiah Richardson	William woods	Simeon Washburn

[4–103] [*Relative to Collection of Taxes, 1782.*]

Cheshire ss June 7th 1782

Then Personally appeared James Roe Constable for the Town of Gilsum for the Year 1780 and to whom a Warrant was directed and delivered for Collecting the Quota of Continental Money for said Town of Gilsum, assessed upon said Town agreeable to an Act passed the Genl Assembly of the State of New Hampshire March 15th 1780, for calling in the s^d^ States quota or Proportion of the Bills of Credit emitted by the Continental Congress, and after being Carefully examined and cautioned to testify the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth made Oath, that the enclosed Continental Currency counted by, and told by me amounting in the whole to seven hundred and twelve dollars and four shillings was taken and received, the same Identical Money upon the Rate to me delivered, and upon s^d^ Warrant, before the twenty seventh day of June 1781 and is part of the said Roes collection on said Warrant and none of said Money was received after the said twenty seventh day of June

Thos Baker Just Peac^e^

[4-104] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1784.*]

Surry 23d March 1784

To Nathl S Prentice Esqr—Representative for Alstead Surry & Marlow

Sir from the principle Inhabitants of Gilsom the Town Classd with Surry we are certified that there is Sixty Eight Male polls paying Each One a poll Tax for himself within there Town which you may venture to certify to the Genl Court at your Option Lemll Holmes Town Clark Surry

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[4-105]

The legal Voters of the town of Gilsum that are quallefied acording to law to vote for representation are 71

Dated at Gilsum March 26th 1784 — Levi Bliss, Ebenezer Church } Select Men

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[4-106] [*Petition for a New Town.*]

Cheshire ss State of New Hampshire

To the Town of Packerfield in said county the Petetion of us the Subscribers Humbly Sheweth—

That Whereas your humble petetioners Living in the most Remote Corners of the Several Towns viz the Northeast Corner of Keen the Southeast Corner of Gillsom and the South west Corner of Stoddard many of us living Six or Seven miles from publick Worship and the roads being exceding bad and by reason of many inconveniences we labour under on that Account—we therefore humbly pray that the Town of Packerfield would take our Circumstances into Consideration and insert an Article in the Warrant or Notification of your next Annual meeting to Se if it be the minds of the Town to Set off Some part of your Town viz from the Northwest Corner East Two Miles and South two Miles and half that so with the Corners of the Above mentioned adjoining Towns we should be able to form a Distinct Town—which Request if Granted we your Humble petetioners as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray—

To the Hon Select men of the Town of Packerfield

Jonathan Burnam	John Rowe	Timothy Dewey
Thomas Morse	William Burnam	Samuel Seward
Oliver Carter	Ezra Osgood	Timothy Dimock

Nathan Bolster	Nathan Ellis	Simeon Ellis
Benj[a] Ellis	Jonathan Horton	Josiah Seward
Joseph Ellis	Joshua Osgood	Ezra Metcalf
Zadock Nims	Eliakim Nims	David Rugg
Roswell Hubbard	Erastus Hubbard	James Lock
Ebenezer Birdet	James Rowe	

Packersfield march y[e] 29th 1786

Voted to aloue the within Protision
Provided that the other Parts Jenly and Severly Jone togather

Consider osgood } Select
Amos Child } men

[4-102] [*Certificate of Vote of Town, 1787.*]

Gilsum Sep[t] 10th AD 1787

This may Certify the Honourable General Court of the State of Newhampshire Next to be holden at Charlestown That at A Legal town Meeting of the inhabitants of Gilsum holden in said town the first Day of December Last the third article in the Warrant for Said Meeting Being to Se if the town would take any method to oppose the East Part of the town Being Set off Passed in the Negative it Being the Last time that any Article has Been inserted in any Warrant for That purpose—
A true Coppy

Attest Timothy Dewey T. Clerk

[4-101]

Gilsum December 1st 1786

This may Certify the Honourable general Court of this State that the town of Gilsum Have Been Servd with a Coppy of the petition and order of Court thereon with Regard to Being incorporated into a Distinct town when Connected with a part of stoddard keene and packersfield agreeable to a petition sent to the honourable Court the Last sessions—

Jonathan Adams } Select
Ebenezer Bill } men

[The south-east corner of the town was set off, and, with portions of Stoddard, Nelson, and Keene, incorporated into the town of Sullivan by an act passed Sept. 27, 1787.—Ed.]

[*Non-Resident Land-Owners, 1793.*]

[An inventory of Gilsum, certified May 30, 1793, by Zadoc Hurd and Robert Lane Hurd, selectmen, and sworn to before David Blish, gives the following non-resident land-owners.—ED.]

Josiah Kilburn	Philip Munro	Benony Olcutt
John Biggelow	Levi Blood	Jonathan Ramont
Jonathan Loveland	Jobe Gleason	Abel Allen
Noah Beebe	Oliver Prime	Isaak Hammond
Uriah How	John Boyinton	Woolston Brockway
Nathan Hayward	Moses D. Field	Unprey Lion
Eliphelet Dart	Jonathan Smith	Joseph Sibley
Samuel Gilbert's heirs		

GOFFSTOWN.

The township was granted by the Masonian proprietors in 1748 to Rev. Thomas Parker, of Dracut, Mass., and others. It took its name from Col. John Goffe, and in the act of incorporation it is given "Goff's Town."

It was incorporated June 16, 1761, by the governor and council of New Hampshire, to continue a corporate body until March 25, 1763; and April 5, 1763, the incorporation was revived, to continue "until we shall please to approve or disallow the same."

July 2, 1822, a portion of the town was taken, and, with portions of Dunbarton and Chester, incorporated into the town of Hooksett.

June 20, 1825, some islands in Merrimack river were annexed to the town.

June 18, 1836, the farm of Isaac Parker was severed from New Boston, and annexed to this town.

The line between Dunbarton and Goffstown was established by an act passed Jan. 7, 1853.

July 1, 1853, a portion of Goffstown was annexed to Manchester, the town previously extending to the Merrimack river.

[4-112] [*Relative to Church Matters.*]

County of Hillsborough Province of New Hampshire

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Capt General & Commander in Chief in and over his Majesties Province of New Hampshire, and to the Honorable his Majesties Council, and House of Representatives

We his Majesties loyal Subjects, living in the town of Goffstown in S^{d} Province, beg leave to offer to your Excellency & Honors our Remonstrance against the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of S^{d} town, who call themselves Presbyterians, and who have prayed your Excellency & Honors to set them of as a distinct Parish—and to be invested with priviledges as such.

We humbly beg leave to inform your Excellency & Honors, that the Town of Goffstown is by no means at present able to Support two Ministers of the Gospel, and the Salary which they now give is very Small, by reason of their incapacity; as was said when voted & therefore voted part to be paid in labour & in the Necessaries of Life. the town Subsists of about ninety Families; Some of which are under very poor Circumstances, not able to raise their own Bread Corn—or Scarcly to clothe themselves and Children in any comfortable & decent Manner.

And the town Considering the illconveniences which would unavoidably arise from their Being at present. in their weak Circumstances set of into two distinct Parishes, proposed & offered at a legal town Meeting, to those who were inclining to be Presbyterians—that if they would assist & dwell together in Love as becometh people professing Godliness—when ever it should be supposed by reasonable & indifferent Persons, that the town was able in a decent Manner to support two Ministers —they would assist them in building a Meeting as far as they had already assisted in building the present One. this proposal was rejected by them—

We would likewise beg leave to acquaint your Excellency & Honors that some of the Petitioners who want to be erected into a distinct Parish in Goffstown, were never Inhabitants of S^{d} town, neither were ever rated in S^{d} town Some of those which live in S^{d} town were never educated, in what they call the Presbyterian Way, but thro' the importunity of others were perswaded to joyn them

It is likewise certain that a learge Number of them have had their Children baptized by congregational Ministers & without the least dissatisfaction—

therefore we pray your Excellency & Honors to consider our Circumstances, and how unhappy we should be, if made into

two distinct Parishes—neither Parish would be able to support a gospel Minister among them, & of consequence both must be destute—and being bound in Duty Shall Ever pray

Ebenezer Wood
Benjamin Richards
Joseph Sanders
Jonas Hestins
Benjamin Stevens juner
Timothy farrain
Hannary Dow
Samuel Sanders
Benj Tiffany
Sam Blodget
Aaron wells
Jonathan Martain
Thomis Stevens
Richard his mark + Colby
Richard Collins
Joshua Martain
Moses Littel
John Sargant
Andrew Kimbal
Joseph Hadley
Thos Huse
Benj. Richards
moses Littel
Thos Stevens
Jonathan Stevens
Elez: Emerson
Timy Stevens
Benj. Dow
Jos. Dow
John Smith
Simon Tuttel
Robert Richardson
Thos Karr
John Gorge
Jonathan Stevens
Joseph Emons
Joseph Dow juner
Simon Tuttle
Eleezer emmison
Obadiah House
Jothan Tuttle
Benjamin Stevens
Job Dow
John his mark + Colby
Henry Blasdel
moses wells
Joseph O Wady
David Hall
Alexr Walker
John: George
John Clogston
John Hadley
Enoch Page
widow Butterfield
Job dow
Ebr wood
Joseph Littel
Joshua Corles
Ebr Johnson
Jos. Dow Jur
Jotham Tuttel
Samuel Richards
Hugh macCalley
Jacob Sargaint
Timothy Stevens
James Eaton
Benjamin Dow
Josiah Wood
William Bell
Enoch Page
Joseph Dow
Joseph Little
Thomas Saltmarsh
Philip Noyes
Ezekiel Wells
Moses Wells iur
Job Kider
Elias Sargant
Caleb Kimbal
asa Pettey
John Davis
Philip Ferren
Enoch Eatton
Saml annes
Benj Steven Jur
Robr Gillmore
Benj Stevens
Geor: Hadley
Timy Johnson
Henry Dow
Timy Ferren

[4-114] [*Petition from Presbyterians, 1771.*]

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captain General Governor & Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of New Hampshire in N England And to the Honorable his Majestys Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened

The humble Petition of his Majesty's Subjects Inhabitants of Goffestown and Province aforesaid sheweth

That your Petitioners most or all of them have been educated in the Presbyterian persuasion and look on themselves as bound in conscience still to adhere to the same perswasion

That your Petitioners generally inhabit one part of the said Goffestown which renders their associating together for public Worship more convenient

That your Petitioners have had some Supply of Preaching from the Presbytery to which we are connected and expect more from time to time and soon to be in a capacity (through Providential Smiles) to build a Meeting House and settle a Minister of their own persuasion

May it therefore please your Excellency and Honors impartially to consider the premises and by your Authority to enact that your Petitioners may be a distinct Society cloathed with Parish powers that so they may be in a legal Capacity of levying Parish Charges and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever Pray &c

Dated at Goffestown November 2d 1771

William McDoal	Thomas Shirla	John Dinsmore
Alexander Gilchrist	John Dunlap	Robert Spear
John Gilmore	George Adison	Saml McFarland
John Orr	James Marr	Alexander Kennedy
Daniel McFarland	James Mcferson junr	James McFerson
Thos Miller	Daniell Marr	James Barr
Thos Kennedy	Robart Kennedy	Samuel Kennedy
Wilam Mcferson	James Moor	George Cunningham
James Barr junr	Joseph Kennedy	David McCluer
Silas Walker	Alexander McCoy	

John Mcferson Late of Haverhill now of Bedford
William Dunlap Belongs to Chester
John Butterfield Bread a Congregational
Antipas Dodge Bread Congregational
Jno Little Swore he would do all in his power to Ruen Goffstown
Daniel Allen not Rated
David Currier Bread a Congregational

[4-115] [*Relative to the Settlement of Rev. Mr. Currier.*]

Whereas there is a Town Meeting Legually Warned to be held in Goffstown this 15th Day of July 1771, and one of the Particulars that is Noted in the Warrant to be acted Upon is to See if the Town will Choose a Committee to Settle Mr Currier as a Gospel Minister, in the Town We the Subscribers Being Presbyterrians by Proffession, and having at Different times

Renewed our Covenant With God and Vowed to him to Maintain the Doctrins Discipline and Government of the Church of Scotland Whereof we Profess our Selves to be Members therefore we Do Not as yet See our Selves in Duty Bound to Cast these our Vows Behind our backs and Settle a Man of Another Proswasion, and as we Would Not be found Lukewarm and Indifferent in a Matter of So Great Import We thought to Certify our Bretheren of this Matter in this Manner

Alex^{r} Gilcrest	Thomas Miller	John Dinsmoor
Antipas Dodge	James Barr	Daniel Marr
James Barr Junr	John Todd	George Addison
Daniel M^{c}farland	William madoel	David McCluer
Robert Speer	James Ferson	William Ferson
Jam^{s} Ferson Junr	Sam^{ll} M^{c}farland	

[4–116] [*Remonstrance to Mr. Currier's Settlement.*]

Whereas there is a Town Meeting Legally Warned to be held in Goffes Town on friday the Thirtieth day this Instent and the Particulers that is insearted in the warrant to be acted upon that Day is mostly Concearning Ordaining m^{r} Currier as a Gospell Minester in the Town and to Do Something more towards finishing the Meetinghouse, and we whose names are under written being of a Differant Perswasion and are not Detarmined to Settle m^{r} Currier as our Minester therefore we Protest against Every particualer in the fore mentioned warrant as we are not Determined to act on any thing at that meeting Neither are we a mind to pay aney part of m^{r} Currier' Rates as we are Presbytereans by profession

Goffes Town August 21 1771

Willm McDoel	George Addeson	Thos Shirla
Alex^{dr} McCoy	John Dinsmoor	×James Moor
×Daniel Marr	James Marr	Thom^{s} Miller
×David McCluer	×Daniel M^{c}farland	Sam^{ll} M^{c}farland
×Thos Smith	×Alex^{dr} Gilcrest	×Robart Spear
John Todd	Robart Kennedy	Sam^{ll} Kennedy
×Joseph Kennedy	James Barr	×James Barr Junr
×John Little	×John Orr	×James forson Junr
×Mathew Kennedy	Antipas Dodge	×Silas Walker
×Willm Kemp	×Daniell Allen	×John Butterfield
James Ferson	John Dunlap	×John Seshons
Willm ferson	Thos Kennedy	Willm McDougall

×Those of this mark were not at the Meeting

A true Copy of Record attest

Pr Alex^{dr} Walker
Town Clark

[4-116] [*Proceedings of Town-Meeting, 1771.*]

Province of New Hamp^{r}

At a meeting Legally warned and held at the Meeting house in Goffes Town on Friday the Thirteenth Day of August 1771

Votted Sam^{ll} Blodgett Esqr Moderator

Votted That the meeting Be Carried on by a hand Vote

Votted That the Protest Signed by Willm McDoel and others against the Legallety of this Meeting held this Day by vartue of a warrant Dated August 17 1771 We Look upon it to be of no Velidety therefore the Signers have a Liberty to Vote this Day if they think proper for the Several Reasons here after Exprest firstly Because Sundrey of the names in Said protest Doth not Appear to the Town they Ever signed Being in number Eighteen. Some of which are Said to be Disartors the names of those absent are as followeth.

James Moor	Daniell Marr	David McCluer
Daniel M^{c}farland	Thomas Smith	Alex^{dr} Gilcrest
Robart Spear	Joseph Kennedy	James Barr Junr
John Little	John Orr	James Ferson Junr
Mathew Kennedy	Silas Walker	Willm Kemp
Daniel Allen	John Sashons	John Buterfield

A true Coppy of Record attest p^{r}

Alex^{dr} Walker Town Clark

[4-117]

Goffstown may 29th 1772

This may Certify that I the Subscriber was one of the Select men for the town of Goffstown for the year 1771 and attended the Last anual march meeting a Dispute arose concerning the choice of a moderator and it appears to me that Sam Blodget Esqr had twenty five voters and m^{r} alex^{dr} Gillcrest had but Twenty four votes by pole Exclusive of Jonathan Rowell & John Pettey who ware in my oppinion neighther of them Legal voters

attest

Alex^{dr} Walker James Karr

[4-118] [*Relative to a Dispute at Town-Meeting, 1772.*]

To His Excellency john Wentworth Esqr Captain General Governor and commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of New Hampshire and Vice Admiral of the same The Honourable his Majesty's Council and House of Representatives for said Province to be convened at Portsmouth in said Province on Tuesday the 19th day of May Current

We the subscribers Inhabitants of Goffstown in the County of Hillsborough in said Province Humbly Complains

That the Inhabitants of said Goffstown at their last Annual March Meeting haveing some disputing on the Business of the day after which the selectmen published who were Legal Voters according to the Law of said Province After which the Votes were brought in for a Moderator The Votes were Twenty five for the Honourable Samuel Blodget Esqr and Twenty Six for Alexander Gillcrest. On which said Mr Blodget said one john Pattee was not a legal Voter (Who had Voted for said Gillcrest^{e} being Moderator) The Selectmen said he was but Mr Blodget Insisted he was not and that his Vote should be thrown out which was done Then the Votes stood 25 for one and 25 for the other After which Mr Blodget pulled a power of Attorney out of his pocket and Read it Given by one job Rowel (who is since Dead) to his son jonathan Rowel (a Minor and who had never been Rated) Impowering said jonathan to Vote at said Meeting and Mr Blodget insisted that said jonathan had a legal right to vote in said meeting by Vertue of said power Which said jonathan did and Voted for Mr Blodget to be Moderator which turned the Vote in Mr Blodgets favour And that said Pattee was not Allowed to Vote And the said jonathans Voteing and Pattee being deprived caused Diferent men to be chose town officers than would have been By Which means We humbly conceive we are much Injured and Deprived of our just and Legal Rights

Wherefore we your Complainants and petitioners Humbly prays Your Excellency and Honours to take our Case into your considerations and Grant us such Relief as in your Great Wisdoms shall seem meet and your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Dated at Goffestown the 18th day of May AD 1772

William fearson	james ferson	John Orr
David McCluer	John Dunlap	Asa Pattee
William madel	George Addison	Joseph Kennedy
Matt^{w} Kennadey	John Dinsmoor	Sam^{ll} McFarland
Robert Spear	william Dunlap	Thomas Shirla
Antipas Dodge	John Clogston	Daniel Allen
Silas Walker	John Butterfield	Jeames fearson
Daniel m^{c}farland	David Currier	Geor Hadley
Alex^{r} Gilcrest	John Little	Thom^{s} Miller
Dan^{ll} Marr	James Marr	James Moor
James Barr iuner	Alexander m^{c}Cay	James Barr
Thos Kennedy	Thomas Hadley	Samuel Kennedy
John Patee	Robert Kennedy	George Cunningham

[In council, June 3, 1772, the proceedings of the foregoing meeting were declared illegal, and a new election ordered.—Ed.]

[4-119] [*Petition for a Lottery to build Bridges over Piscataquog River, 1778.*]

To The Honble Councel and House of Representatives of the good People of ye State of New Hampshire in General Court assembled December 1777

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Goffstown, County of Hillsborough & State aforesaid and others,

Humbly Sheweth

That, There are two Large Streams, running through said Town, more Particularly one known by the name of Piscataquog River, which is well known to be wide, and Verry rapid, at Sertain Seasons, Passing through the Center of said Town,

That your Petitioners, are under the Necessity of Supporting, three Large Bridges, over said River, for the Publick benefit Viz^t—

1st a bridge near twenty Rods in Length, (verry much Improved) on the great County Road, that Leadeth through Ware, &^c many Different ways, Northerly & Westerly to The Interior Parts of the State,—

2^d another bridge, near 15 Rods in Length, of great use to the Publick, & near the Center of the Town that the Major Part of the Inhabitants are under necesity of crossing it to attend Public Worship—

The Third Bridge is on the North Branch of said River, Near the Division line, of New Boston & Goffston on the Leading Road through N. Boston, to the Western Part of the State—

The other Stream is called Black Brook, large, and verry rapid at Sertain Seasons, where we are oblidged to Support three other expensive Bridges, also a large share of Smaller Bridges, which with the aforementioned,—make an almost Intolerable Burden, for a Town so thinly Inhabited to bear, and what still adds to it, we have never been able to make a bridge cross the Piscataquog of but few years Duration, and as their is an absolute and Imediate Necessity of rebuilding s^d Bridges, and we are not able to go to the expence of Stone piers & Butments (which we find necessary,) your Petitioners humbly Pray they may be Indulged with the Benefit of a Lottery To raise Two Thousand five hundred Dollars which will Enable them to build Sutable & Durable Bridges in such Places as shall be

most convenient, an Beneficial to the Publick, as the moneys raised by said Lottery will be apply^{d} to so Necessary & Important a Purpose—We doubt not of a Speedy Sale of the Tickets, by which we shall be Imediatly enabled to enter on this great work—

And your Petetioners as in Duty bound will ever Pray &^{c}—

James Eaton	Stephen Tuttle	Jonathan Bell
David Gregory	John Monahan	Samel Karr
David Richards	Robert Gilman	William Bell
John Bell	Ebenezer wood	Jonathan Wood
Robert Spear	James Shirla	Alex^{r} Gilcrest
John Dinsmoor	David McCluer	Thos Miller
Sam^{ll} McFarland	George Addison	Robt Kannedy
Robert m^{c}Calley	Saml Kennedy	wilimen herenton
nethen towle	George Little	Caleb Little
Joseph Buswell	John Buswell	Timothy Stevens
David Stevens ju	Eben^{r} Costar	Sam^{ll} Blodget
John Patee	Benjamin stevens	Enoch Sawyer
Willm Rogers	magnes Burke	Joseph Little
Sam^{ll} Richards	moses Little	James Clement
Job Dow	David Hale	Peter Butterfield
tho^{s} Stevens	Jacob Stevens	Eben^{r} Coster
John Little	John Butterfield	Nathaniel Stevens
John Creaig	Philip Ferren	Ebenezer Ferren

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 26, 1778, petitioners granted leave to bring in a bill for said purpose.—ED.]

[4-120] [*Petition for the Privilege of sending a Representative without being Classed with Derryfield.*]

To the Honourable Council & House of Representatives of the Good peopel in the State of New Hampshire Conveaned at Exeter &c,

The petition of the Inhabitants of Goffstown when in Town meeting assembled,—your petitioners beg leave once more to remind your Honours, that they have for three or four years past, contrary to their wish & will, been coupled with Derryfield, by the precept sent them by your Honours for the choice of a Representative, alth^{o} your petitioners have repeatedly beg'd the favour of your Honours, that a precept might be sent them Independant of any Town whatever, which they Humbly conceive they have an Undoubted right to as well as any other Towns in Similer Circumstances with Goffstown; which consists of near One Hundred & fifty families; when at the same

time, we would observe to your Honours, that their is noless then Nineteen Towns in this State, & all less in Numbers as to their Inhabitents, then Goffstown, & Yet, have precepts sent to Each of them, Independant of any Towns whatever; and some of them have litle more than half our Numbers; surely this is worthy of your Honours consideration, as well as the attention of your petitioners who must be void of fealing at this day, If not tenatious of their Natural Rights and liberties; are we not Spending our Blood and Treasure in defence of them against Greate Brittan, and was not Taxation without a full and free Representation a pearte of the dispute, Surely it was, and can Goffstown be said to have a full and free Representation when compeled to Joyn with a nother Town and contrary to their wills; we your petitioners do not meen to call your Honours authority in question, it is our Just Rights we are pleading for, which has hearetofore ben denied us, for we cannot conceive upon any Just principles why any Town that consists of 150 families can be denied a full and free Representation & Independant of any other town; at least nothing has been offered in any of our leate Conventions to the contrary, it Seemed the prevaling oppinion theire was, that 100 famelies had an undoubted Right to Send a Representative and we hope and trust your Honours will Remain of the same Oppinion, and If the Custom should be contineued for Issuing precepts, we trust and hope your Honours will provide for Derryfield in som Other way, & that Goffstown be allow'd their previledge in common with Other towns, which to their great mortification, has ben too Long withhild from them; in granting of which, your petitioners in Duty bound will Ever pray

Goffstown Octr 26th 1779

at a legal meeting in Goffstown hild this day voted that Saml Blodget Esqr present the above petition to the general Court hild in Exeter, in behalf of the Inhabiters of ye Said Goffstown

Alex^{dr} Walker Town Clark

[R. 2–19] [*Documents relative to Soldiers, 1778.*]

Goffstown, febury ye 4th 1778

then Received of John Dunlap one Pound Sixteen Shillings L. M. for carrying Samuel Rimecks from Goffstown to Andover to be Doctred of his wounds he Received in the Battel at Banintown

per me Thomas Shirla

These certifies That Samuel Remicks was a soldier in Capt McConnels Company in Colo Stickneys Regiment at Benington in 1777 and was wounded in the Battle there last August

Robert Gillmor Lieut.

Goffestown, Feb^r 3^d 1778

[Col. Thomas Stickney certifies to the same.—ED.]

[R. 2–20]

Sept. 8th 1780. This certifies that on the first day of March 1777 The Committee of Safety (as appears by their Journal) agreed to give William Bell Twenty Shillings per month over & above his wages as a Soldier as a recompence for the time of his assisting Mr Noah Emery in the Commissary's Department

attest E. Thompson Sry

[Joshua Bell, son of William Bell, of Goffstown, enlisted in 1777. He was in Capt. Livermore's company, Scammel's regiment, and was discharged sick, after two years' service. (R. 2–22, 23, 24.)—ED.]

[R. 2–24½] [*Col. Kelley to Col. Stickney.*]

Goffstown July ye 19, 1779.

Der Sir

after due Complements to you and Mrs Stickney, I perseve that Mr Eastman of weare have inlisted a man in haneker in your Regiment by the Name of Pope to do a tower of dute in the armey for said weare but Capten bowman Refuses to let him go for them, and the mater is left to the determination of you and me if you think with me according to the orders from the Committee at Exeter april last, he ought to be held for weare the inlistment I think is good and will and ought to hold him for them—

Sir I am with grat esteem your most obedient and very humbel sarvent

Moses Kelley

To Colo Thomas Stickney Concord

[R. 2–21] [*Relative to Joshua Wilson, Soldier, 1775.*]

I Samuel Richards of Goffstown do testify and say that I Commanded a Company at winterhill in the service of New

Hampshire State, in the Spring of the year 1775, and that Moses Littel Esqr was then my Lieu^{t} who Inlisted Joshua Wilson in said Goffstown who stiled himself an Inhabiten of the same, and at the Expiration of Eight monts the said Joshua Wilson ReeInlisted under me for said State & for Twelve month Longer Still Calling him self of said Goffstown and did actually Receive a Blanket and Gun of the Inhabitants of the said Goffstown together with provisions for his march to winterhill previous to joyning my Company as he Informed me and further saith not

Samll Richards

[Sworn to July 10, 1782, before Robert McGregore.—Ed.]

[4–122] [*Warrant for Town-Meeting, 1780.*]

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of Goffstown Quallified to Vote in Town-meetings According to law, are Desired to meet at the Meeting-house in Said town on Monday the 8th Day of January Next at one °Clock after-noon then and there to act on the following Articles (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator

3^{d} Article in Said Warrant. To Know the minds of the Congregationals (so call^{d}) with Respect to the Presbyterians being set off a Distinct Parish by themselves. 4th Article and whither they will Vote the Parsonage on the South side of Piscataquage River to the sole use of the Gospel in that way they the said Presbytereans Relinquishing any Futer Pretentions to any Income Either to themselves or to the suport of the Gospel in their way to the Other Two Lots on the North side of Piscataqage River Called the Parsonage Lots,—

Goffstown Decem^{r} 22^{d} 1780

Sam^{ll} Blodget
Joshua Martin } Select men
Thos Shirla

To George Addison Constable
Goffstown January 8th 1781

this may Certify the Inhabitants of Goffstown have been Legually Notified by Posting According to Law, George Addison Constable—

At a town meeting Legually warned to be held at the meeting house in Goffstown on the Eighth Day of January 1781, Voted Col° Moses Killy be Moderator

Voted on the Third Article of the Warrant that the Town

will Choose a Commity to Treat upon Matters Raletive to Seperating Parishes.

Voted that the Commitee Consist of Six men, Voted Moses Kelly, Sam^{ll} Robie, Philip Clement, Alex^{r} Gilcrest John Craig and John Butterfield, be said Committee Voted that the 4th Article in the warrant be Referred to the Committee aforsaid for their Consideration, and to be laid before the Town at their Next Meeting—The Report of the forsaid Commitie made at the Next meeting by Adjournment Jan^{ry} 29, 1781, is as followeth. Agreeable to a Vote of the Town at a meeting held at the meeting-house on the Eighth Instant Whereby we the subscribers were Unanimously Chosen, as a Commitie to agree upon a Method of Seperating the town into two Distinct Parishes Beg leave to make this Report of what we have Done—

First it was taken under Consideration, whither it was best to seperate or Not. Unanimously Resolved in the Affirmative. Secondly that the two Parsonage Lots on the North side of Piscataquage River be for the Congregational parish, and the Lot that is on the south side for the Presbyterian Parish. Thirdly that the Presbyterians Give up what they Did to the meeting-house in Common with Others to the Congregationals they Agreeing that when the Presbyterians Shall think fit to build a Meeting-house in the Town the said Congregationals will help them to the Value of one Quarter part of the frame and Boarding and Shingling, a house as Large as the one that is now in the Town

Dated at Goffstown January 26, 1781

Sam^{ll} Robie	Alex^{a} Gilcrest	Moses Kelly
John Craig	Philip Clement	John Butterfield

January 29 1781 The town met According to Adjournment Voted that what was acted at the Opening Said meeting Ralative to the third and fourth Article in the warrant for Calling Said meeting was acted upon Agreeable to their minds, 2^{d} Voted that the town Agree to seperate Parishes 3^{d} Voted that at to Relinquishing the Right to the Parsonage the Congregationals act at one End of the meeting-house and the Presbyterrians at the Other 4th Voted by the Presbyterians that they will Relinquish their Rights to the Two Lots of the parsonage that is on the North side of Piscataquage River, to the Congregationals 5th Voted by the Congregationals that they will Relinquish all their Rights to the Parsonage Lot that is on the South side of Piscataquage River to the Presbyterrians. 6th Voted by the Presbyterians that they Will Give up what they Did to the meeting-house in Common, to the Congregationals 7th Voted by the Congregationals that they will Give to the Presbyterians (when they think fit to build a meetinghouse in the Town), the

Building of one Quarter-part of a meeting house frame as Large as the one that is now in the town and the boarding and Shingling the same

Goffstown March 26; 1781

A true Coppey of Record Examined
attest Pr Alex^dr^ Walker Town Clark.

[4-121] [*Petition relative to Church Affairs, 1781.*]

State of Newhampshire To the Honourable The President, and Members of the Council, And House of Representatives in General Court Assembled, The petition of us the subscribers inhabitants of Goffstown, Humbly Sheweth That Your petioners are of Two Different presuations of Religion Viz Congregationals and Presbyterrians, by which many Disputes and Lawsuits have happned among us, much To our Damage, and we think it has had a Tendency to hinder the settlement of the Gospel among us in the Town.

Therefore after Duly Considering the matter the Town has Entered into this Resolution, that the Inhabitants that are of these Denominations Caled Congregationals & Presbyterians, (as Above) may be in two Distinct Parishes, by the Names of The Congregational Parish, and the Presbyterrian parish—

We pray y^r^ Honours by Your Authority to Enact that Each of these may be Cloathed with parish Powers, that they may be in a Legual Capacity, to Colect Taxes for the Support of the Gospel among themselves And Your petitioners as in Duty bound will Ever Pray—

Goffstown March 22^d^ 1781

James Kitridge	Jonathan Bell	Benjamin Stevens 3^d^
Sam^el^ Karr	Eben^r^ Kitridge	Robert Gilcrest
Thos. Miller	Abel wright	Nathan Shed
Enoch Sawyer	Sam^ll^ M^c^Farland	James Eaton
Benjamin Stevens Junr	Edmund Sawyer	Simon tuttle
	Philip Clement	Enoch Page
Thos Vickere Vose	Jonathan Stevens	John Little
Timothy Johnson	Timothy Stevens	Nathaniel Stvens
George Little	Thomas Stevens	Peter Butterfield
Moses Little	Andrew Kimball	Saml Robie
		John Butterfield

[In H. of Rep., March 29, 1781, petitioners were granted leave to bring in a bill for the aforesaid purpose.—Ed.]

[4-123] [*Request relative to Management of Town-Meeting, 1783.*]

Sir We the Subscribers Inhabitants of Goffes Town being Discontent with the manner of carrying on our prisent Annual Meeting for that a Considerable Number of the Men that Voted were not Quallified as the Law Directs and when we Requested the suposed Moderator to put the Vote to See if the people were Content to have the meeting Carried on in that manner we were Denied the Request Likewise when we Desired you as Town Clark, to open the meeting again and Let the Voters be Quallified we ware Denied the priviledge we Earnestly pray that at the hour appointed this Day as it is adjournment of the Said meeting, you would open the meeting and let the Voters be Quallified that our town officers may be Legally Chosen.

Goffes Town march 24 1783

Alex^{dr} Walker Esqr Town Clark

Philip Ferren	Alex^{dr} Gilcrest	Willm Sawyer
Samuel Sherley	Thos Shirla	Moses Little
Jonathan Stevens	Enoch Page	Timothy Stevens
John Richardson	Nathan Sheed	John Little
Philip Clement	Enoch Sawyer	John Craig
Sam^{ll} Robie	James Eaton	Timothy Johnson

A true Coppey of Record Exemened atest

Alex^{dr} Walker T C

[On another document of the same import and same date, are the following names :—Ed.]

Moses Kelley	Benjamin Stevens	Thos Vickery Vose
Joseph Buswell	Jur	

[4-124] [*Deposition relative to Constable's Pay.*]

The Deposition of Steven Tuttle of Goffstown of Lawfull age do Testify and Say that on Monday the Twenty fourth day of March in the year 1783 at the adjournment of the annual meeting held in Said Goffstown in the State of Newhamp^{r} Sam^{ll} Blodget Esqr being the moderator of Said meeting a motion was then made in said meeting to give the Constables Ten Dollars pr year for their Services your Deponent then objected against the motion the then moderator spoke with a Loud audible voice in the Inglish Language and said dont you Tuttle

vote against it for it is not Likely that you will be Called upon to serve as Constable Soon; and I will pay your parte of that Tax and any further your Deponent Saith not

Stephen Tuttle

we the Subscribers do afferme that we ware present at the adjournment of the Said meeting and did hear the moderator make the proposals of paying the parte of his the said Stephen Tuttle Tax if he would not object against the giving the Constables Ten Dollers p^{r} year for there Services in the office of Constable p^{r} us

Philip Clement
Benja^{m} Stevens jun^{r}

[4-125] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Persuant to a Voate of the asembly we have Number'd all the Male Poals of Twenty One years of age and Upwards paying for them Selves a Poll Tax within Our town acording to the best of Our Judgment and finde One Hundred and Sixty Eight—

Henerey Blasdele } Selectmen of
Joshua Martan } Goffstown

State of New Hampshire Hillsborough ss

Goffstown Decr the 18: 1783 the above named Henerey Blaisdel & Joshua Martain apeard and made to the above by them Signed befor

Robert McGregore Jus^{t} Peace

[4-126]

To Alex^{r} Walker Town Clerk of Goffstown Sir

Please to Begin the Town Meeting this Day as Soon as may be Conveniantly, and let the Voters be Qualified in So Doing You will Oblige us the Subscribers Inhabitants of Goffstown March 3^{d} 1783

John Richerson	Jeams Eaton	true Sargent
timothey Stephens	Bengiman richerds	Caleb little
Alix^{r} Gilcrest	Enoch Page	Moses Little
William Sawyer	John Craig	Enoch Sawyer
Saml Robie	Jonathan Stevens	Edmund Sawyer
timothey Johnson	Philip Clement	Thos Shirla
Nathan Shed	Joseph Buswell	Philip Ferren

[4-127] [*Warrant for Town-Meeting, 1783.*]

State of New Hamp^{r} Hillsborough

To mr Issaches Ring one of the Constables in Goffes Town in Said State Greeting—

You are hereby Required in the name and by the authority of the good people of Said State to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitents Quallified by Law to Vote in Town meetings to meet at the meeting house in Goffes Town on munday the third Day of march next at ten O Clock in the forenoon then and their to act on the following articleś

1st To Chuse a moderator to Regulate Said meeting

2^{ly} To Chuse all Town officers for the Insuing year as the Law Directs

3^{ly} To See if the Town will allow the Select men their accompts and others that may be brought before the Town

4^{ly} To See if the Town will Give the Constables their pole Tax the year past

5^{ly} To See if the Town will Raise money for a School the Insuing year and how much

6^{ly} To See how much money the Town will Raise to Defray Town Charges the Insuing year and Likewise to Repair Highways

7^{ly} To See if the Town will make aney adition to the wages Set by the town in Building the new bridge accross the River near Job Dows

8^{ly} To See if the Town will Sell the School Right or aney part thereof to Suport a School in this Town for which this shall be your Sufficient warrant

Given under our hands and Seals at Goffes Town this fiftinth Day of Febuary 1783

Henry Blasdell
Sam^{ll} Kennedy } Select men
James Eaton

A true Coppey of Record attest
Alex^{dr} Walker Town Clark

[4-128] [*Protest against Action in Town-Meeting, 1783.*]

We the Subscribers Inhabitence of Goffestown do hereby Enter our protest against any thing that may be Acted in A Meeting to be holden in Said Goffestown this thirteenth Day of October AD 1783 as the Warning is not Legal

Alex^{r} Gilcrest	Enoch Page	Timothy Stevens
Moses Little	Enoch Sawyer	Moses Kelly
Philip Clemant	Timothy Johnson	Philip Ferren

A true Coppey of Record attest
Alex^{dr} Walker Town Clerk

[4-129] [*Trouble between the Congregational and Presbyterian Parishes, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Honourable the Council & Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Representatives in General Assembly at Concord convened the Seventeenth day of December Anno Dom: 1783—

The humble petition of the several persons Inhabitants of Goffstown in the County of Hillsboro' and State *aforesaid* whose names are hereunto set and subscribed, Sheweth,

That the said Goffstown consists of two *seperate* and distinct Parishes, one of them distinguished by the name of the Congregational Parish, the other the Presbyterean.

That on the first Monday of March in the present year (the day appointed by Charter to hold their Annual Meeting) two of the Selectmen, the Town Clerk, and a few of the Inhabitants met (without having previously warned the said last Parish) opened the Meeting, and proceeded to choose a Moderator, Town Clerk and Selectmen by hand Votes, and here your petitioners beg leave to observe that amongst those few who voted several were not *quallified* for that purpose according to law—

That afterwards, when the Inhabitants were generally assembled at their usual time of attending and before the said new Officers had taken their several Oaths of Office, ten of the Inhabitants of said Town who were qualified Voters, moved the Moderator, to put it to Vote by polling, to see if the Inhabitants then present were content with the transactions of that Meeting or not, but the Moderator refused to put it.

That a petition (herewith exhibited) was then signed by more than twenty of the Inhabitants *legual Voters* and delivered to the Clerk desiring him to open the Meeting again; and to let the Voters be qualified, but this was also refused. We then entrd a protest against the proceedings of the Meeting, as being *illegual* in our opinion and amongst the rest, they had Voted a gratuity to the two Constables of said Town of Ten Dollars each without the least hint thereof in the warrant.

That the said Town Meeting being adjourned to the 24 day of the same month, another petition was signed and delivered to the Clerk to the same purport as above mentioned, but the same petition was again rejected and the Clerk refused to deliver it Back to the petitioners, but told them they might have a Copy. That they then entred a second protest against said Meeting—That the said Selectmen afterwards called another Town Meeting without warning the said distinct Presbyterian Parish and the same was held on Monday the 13 day of October, where they also voted to raise 700 Dollars to defray a pretended Debt of said Town on account of Beef and Rum, notwithstanding a sufficient Sum of money had been voted & assessed before that time to answer the same—and your Petitioners again, protested against said Meeting and voted not.

That the said Selectmen since have called another Meeting for the purpose of choosing a Representative and without warning the said Presbyterian Parish of said Choise, have elected a man to represent them in General Court, said Meeting was held on Monday the 8th day of December Instant and your Petitioners entered a protest against said Meeting and Voted not.

Therefore your Petitioners have taken the liberty of laying before your Honours the Difficulties they labour under, and shewing how hard they have struggled in a *legual* way in Defence of their Rights and Priviledges.

We petitioned the Commitee of Safety as early as April but without effect. The same petition was preferred to the Honourable Council and House of Representatives at their June Session but without its desired effect—

afterwards we petitioned the same Honourable Court in October when a day of hearing was appointed and an Order of Court given thereon, but before the day commenced the said Court *desolved* yet as the matters of Complaint are still increasing, and as your petitioners & others are obliged to submit to a party, headed by some person full of Craft, Cunning & Design Your Petitioners humbly hope that your Honours will be pleased to interpose in their behalf in this day and that the said petition and papers belonging thereto which is now in the Office together with this petition be taken into your wise consideration and that all the said arbitrary Proceedings may be declared null & void, or give such other remedy, as to you in your great wisdom shall seem most meet, and Your Honours petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Ja^s Pike	Thos Vickere Vose	John Richardson
Caleb Little	John Smith	Nathan Shed
George Poor	Edmund Sawyer	Samuel Eaton
Timothy Wells	Samuel Smith	Edward Wood

Timothy Silver
Joseph Little
George Little
Sam[l] Boyd
Thomas Stevens
Sam[l] Robie
Enoch Sawyer
Philip Ferren
Moses Little
Jonathan Stevens
Benjamin Stevens
James Eaton Jun[r]
Ebenezer Wood
John Buswell
Jonathan Bell
Nath Clark
David Hale Ju
Tho[s] Shirla
Joseph Buswell
Enoch Page
Philip Clement
Matthew Richardson
Timothy Kimbeall
Timothy Stevens
John Little
John Butterfield
Peter Butterfield
Alexander Gilcrest
John Craig
James Eaton
Timothy Johnson
Benj[a] Stevens Jun[r]
John ONeill
Wood Clark

We whose names are under written beg leave to inform Your Honours, that we signed a petition to the Honourable Court that was met at Concord last June, certifying our contentment with the transactions of our last annual meeting, being urged thereto by designing men but on further consideration of the matter and seeing the managments of the Town Officers since that time now pray your Honours to grant the prayer of the within petition

Ebenezer Hadley
David Hale
Ephraim Wright
Prince Johonnet
Thomas Guy

[On another petition of the same import, dated Oct. 28, 1783, are the following names :—Ed.]

Ensign Chubuck
John Bassett
Jonas Farmer
William Moor
John Smith
Joseph Sargent
Jonathan Wood
Seth Wyman
Lot Little
Charles Sergeant
Joseph Davis
Jn[o] O Neil
Philip Jones
William Story
John George
Benja Richards
David M[c]Cleary
Moses Kelly
Tru Sargent
Moses Page

[4-130] [*Protest against Proceedings of Town-Meeting.*]

Goffes Town March y[e] 3 1783

To Alex[dr] Walker Town Clerk we the Subscribers do hereby Enter our protest against the proseeding of this meeting as the Said meeting appears to be Illegal and pray that the Same may be Entered in the Town Book

Caleb Little
Sam[ll] Eaton
Nathan Shed
Timothy Stepens
Joseph Buswell
John Little

Alex^{dr} Gilcrest	John Creaig	Moses Little
Thos Shirla	Jonathan Stevens	Philip Ferren
Enoch Page	Timothy Johnson	Enoch Sawyer
Sam^{ll} Robie	Philip Clament	

A true Coppey of Record p^{r}

Alex^{dr} Walker Town Clark

[4-134]

At the annual meeting held in Goffes Town on monday the third Day of march 1783

Voted that the Town allow Each Constable Ten Dollars for their Services this year Exclusive of their perquesets

A true Coppey of Record attest

Alex^{dr} Walker Town Clerk

At a meeting held in Goffes Town on monday the thirteenth Day of october 1783

Voted that there be two Hundred and ten pounds Raised to Discharge the Towns Debts

A true Coppey of Record attest

Alex^{dr} Walker Town Clark

[4-136] [*Petition to have the Line between Goffstown and New Boston established, 1787.*]

State of Newhampshire

To the hon^{ble} the Senate & house of Representatives for S^{d} State

Humbly Sheweth

That the Line between Newboston & Goffstown has not been run or perambulated for many years. before last year & it was then run by Judge Page of Dunbarton who was mutually Chosen by both Towns, this Line was not agreable to some of the Inhabitants of New Boston. and it was since run by Surveyors belonging to S^{d} Newboston & Goffstown, with this Line some of the Inhabitants of S^{d} Goffs Town were much dissatisfied because it took off almost one whole Range of Lotts from S^{d} Goffs Town. upon the Northwest Corner. the Inhabitants of S^{d} Goffs town in Town Meeting rejected the Line as it was then run, & by a Committee of S^{d} Goffstown requested Newboston that S^{d} Line might be run by Indifferent Surveyors belonging to Neither of S^{d} Towns & the S^{d} Town of Goffs Town agreed

to abide the Determination of S^d Surveyors, but this the Town of Newboston hath absolutely refused. we therefore pray that a Committee may be appointed by the hon^ble Court to perambulate & establish Said Line between Said Towns aforesaid as soon as Conveniently may be at the Joint Cost of both Towns & your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray

Septr 10th A. D. 1787

Thos. Shirla } Selectmen
John Page } for Goffstown

[In H. of Rep., February 6, 1788, a committee, consisting of Jeremiah Page of Dunbarton and Daniel Campbell of Amherst, was appointed to perambulate and establish a line between the two towns, and report at the next session. They reported, and the report was referred to a committee, who advised that the matter be referred back to the first committee, and Aaron Greeley was added to it. Report not found.—ED.]

[*Goffstown Men in First N. H. Regiment.*]

[Samuel Davis, entered July, 1777, discharged Dec., 1781.

Joseph Hadley, enlisted Jan. 1, 1777, discharged Sept. 2, 1779.

William Kemp, entered Jan. 4, 1777, discharged Sept. 6, 1777.

Reuben Kidder, entered Feb. 27, 1781, discharged 1781.

Samuel Smith, entered Jan. 20, 1777, discharged Dec., 1781.

William Thompson, entered May 7, 1781, discharged June 7, 1781.—ED.]

GOSHEN.

This town was formed from portions of Fishersfield (Newbury), Wendell (Sunapee), Newport, Unity, and Lempster, and incorporated December 27, 1791.

The act of incorporation provided that the inhabitants of the portion taken from Lempster should continue to pay ministerial taxes to the support of the Rev. Elias Fisher, and did so until said provision was repealed, Dec. 8, 1796.

By an act approved June 22, 1797, the boundary lines of the town were established, and the same were in part changed June 17, 1806.

A tract of land was severed from Unity, and annexed to Goshen, July 6, 1837.

The portion of the town taken from Sunapee was first settled in 1769, by Capt. Benjamin Rand, William Lang, and Daniel Grindle.

Why the Bible name Goshen was given to the town is unknown to the editor.

[4-139] [*Rev. Elias Fisher's Certificate.*]

Lempster Sepr 14, 1796.

this may certify that if in case the Town of Lempster see cause to give their consent that the People in that part of Goshen which was taken from Lempster should not be holden to pay any part of my Salary After the present Year, that I will not exact of S^{d} Town any Augmentation of my Salary on Account of the increas of list on S^{d} Inhabitants—

Elias Fisher

The Above is a true copy of an Original certificate lodged in the Town clerks Office (Lempster)

Attest James Bingham Town Clerk

[4-140] [*Petition for Relief from paying Ministerial Taxes in Lempster.*]

To the Honourable Senate and House of Representatives to be Convened at Concord in the state of New Hampshire on the fourth Wednesday of Novr Instant—

We your Petitioners Humbly Sheweth

As their is a Clause in an Act Entitled an Act to Incorporate a Town by the Name of Goshen Empowering the Selectmen of Lempster to Assess the Inhabitants of that part of Goshen that formerly belonged to the Town of Lempster towards the Support of the Reverend Mr Fisher so long as he shall remain the Minister of said Lempster and empowering the Collector of said Lempster to Collect said Taxes as though said Act of Incorporation had not been passed—

We your Petitioners Inhabitants of that part of Goshen (for-

merly Lempster) being Taxed in both Towns towards the support of the Ministry makes it very Burdensom and having obtained the Consent of the Town of Lemster Humbly Pray that the Said Clause in Said Act may be Repealed (and your petitioners have all the priviledges and Immunities that any other Towns Do Enjoy) or otherwise as your Honours in your Wisdom Seem meet And your petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

Goshen November ye 16th 1796

John Tomson	Calvin Bingham	Allen Willey
Micah Morse	Wm Story	Hez^h Emerson
Reuben Willey	Daniel marston	Nathan Willey
James Philbrook	Silas Smith	Na^t Beckwith

[In H. of Rep., December 8, 1797, the aforesaid clause in the act of incorporation was repealed.—ED.]

[4-138] [*Vote of Lempster relative to Ministerial Taxes paid by Goshen.*]

Town Clerks Office Lempster

At a legal Town meeting held in Lempster on the first monday of Novr AD 1796—

On reading and considering a Petition from the Inhabitants of Goshen—Voted that in case the inhabitants of that part of Goshen which was taken from Lempster will punctually pay up all the taxes now made up Against them for the payment of the Revd Mr Fishers Salary. the Town will release them from paying any part of S^d Salary in future

The above is a true copy taken from the Town Book of Record of S^d Lempster. Attest

James Bingham Town Clerk—

GRAFTON.

The township was granted August 14, 1761, to Ephraim Shearman and others, and named in honor of an English nobleman.

This grant was surrendered by a vote of the grantees, December 27, 1762, and the township was regranted September 12, 1769, to Josiah Willard and others, many of whom were from towns in Cheshire county.

The first settlement was made in 1772 by Capt. Joseph Hoyt, of Poplin, now Fremont. Capt. Alexander Pixley and family settled soon after.

The town was incorporated by the legislature November 11, 1778, in answer to a petition from the inhabitants, Daniel Sanders being authorized to call the first meeting.

An act relative to the boundaries was passed March 28, 1781, and one establishing the same was approved June 18, 1802. See Vol. XI, page 726.

A fine quality of mica has been mined in this town for many years, and excellent specimens of beryl are occasionally found.

[3-142] [*Petition for Incorporation, etc., 1777.*]

Grafton May the 9 AD 1777

Hon gentlemen of the general Asembley in the State of New Hamsheir Wee take this Opertunyty to in form your onners that you Demand More of us then Wee are Able to perform for you Require of us a valiation of our Ratibel Estates Which valiation must Bee taken By our seleck men Which Your Honners Never Empowred us to Chuse And Wee your humble petitioners Do pray that your honours Will autherise and grant us Liberty to Chuse our select Men: and incorporate us: and Chuse a gestes of the Pees for us in the town and We take Leave to Nominate Capt Aaron Barney to Be the man; and then Wee Will Com in town order: and then We Will give your onners A true Estamation and one faviour more Wee ash of yours honours that is to have A privilegs to Leve a Part of our tax upon the Wild Land if Your Honners see Cause to tax us and the Reason Wee give for that is this there is Men that has a grade Dele of Land in our town Which Lives out of this state and they Will not Due any Duty on the Rodes Except Wee mak their Wild Lands Do it and our Rodes are very Bad and Wont a gradel of Work Don on them And We pray your Honners to take this in to Consideration and the Bouns of our town is as follers Be ginning at the North West Corner A hem Lock tree and then Running south sixty five Degrees Est six miles and half a mild to a Burch tree Marked J B With stones Round it from thence south thur ty six Degrees West five miles and A half mile to a Burch that is Marked J B from thence Running North seventy two Degrees West six miles and a half a mild and from thence North Eleven Degrees West three hundred and Eighty three Rods to a small Beech With stones

Round it from thence North fourty three Degrees Est five miles and half mild to the hemlock that Wee Bee gun at: and there is A gore of Land that Lise ginning to our town Betwene the Petten Line and our town and there is two famelies on it and they Desire to gine With our town if your onners see fit——

And We Bege that your onners Wold take this in to Consiation and grant us oui Pertision and Put us in order that We may Do our Bisenes in our one town And Where in Wee have mised it Wee Bage that your onners Wold for give us for it is thrue our Ignorence and We Bage that your onners Will Derect us to Do Better for the futer and We here from other towns that Wee in these Newtowns shall Never have the privileg of Chusing a Representatives and We Wont to now Whether it shall Be so or not and We hope your honours Will send us Bak Word By the man that Brings this pertision to your Honners as sone as our Pertision may Be grantted—for Wee Ecknowleg ourselves to Be under the laws and Derecktions of your Onnors sonomore

But We remain yours to sarve

Aaron Barney	Jabez Bosworth Barney	Josep Hamelton
Charles Aldrich	Russel Mason	Jonatha Buffum
Jonathan Nickles	Israel Winchester Peck	Matthew Peck
Hezekiah Bullock	William Aldrich	Daniel King
Nathan Aldrich	William Williams	Abraham aldrich
Oliver Williams		Jeremiah Williams
Nathaniel Andrews		Christopher Smith

[In H. of Rep., June 6, 1777, a hearing was ordered for next session. See next document.—Ed.]

[4-141] [*Petition for Incorporation, 1778.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives of Said State of New Hampshire In General Assembly Convened at Exeter Novr 5th 1778.

Humbly Sheweth Daniel Sanders of Grafton in the County of Grafton in Said State as agent for and in behalf of the Inhabitants of Said Township of Grafton——That the Said Inhabitants Labour Under many Difficulties, Particularly that of Assessing & Collecting Taxes on the Inhabitants & Nonresident Proprietors of Said Township, by reason of their not being hitherto Incorporated into a body Politick & Corporate,

with Such Powers and Priviledges as other Towns in Said State have & Enjoy—

Wherefore the Said Daniel in behalf of the Said Inhabitants (whose names are also hereto Affixed) Humbly Prays that this hon^ble Court will Consider their Case and Pass an Act to Incorporate the Said Township of Grafton into a Body Politick & Corporate with Such Powers Priviledges and Immunities as other Incorporated Towns in Said State have & Enjoy—And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray &c—

Grafton October 15th 1778.

Daniel Sanders in behalf of

Benjamin Bullock	Christopher Smith	Jonathan Buffum
Charles D^e Marainville	Aaron Barney	John Clark
	John D^e Marainville	Zurel Haskell
Jabez Barney	Abraham Aldrich	Jonathan Nickels
Samuel Braley	Perez Mason	John Johnson Junr
William Williams	Seth Martin	William Aldrich
Joshua Caswell	Charles Aldrich	Hezekiah Bullock
Oliver Williams	William Bowen	Nathaniel Mason
Nathan Aldrich	Abial Knapp	James Sanders
Matthew Peck	Daniel King	

[The town was incorporated by an act passed November 11, 1778.—ED.]

[4-143] [*Petition relative to Taxes, etc., 1779.*]

State of Newhampshire Grafton: ss:

The humble Petition of The Town of Grafton To the Honourable Councill And Jentleman of the house of Representatives Humbly Sheweth That we Labour under low Circumstances & we Pray your Honours to take hour Petition under Your wise Consideration And Make an abatement in our taxes as You in your wisdom May think Proper our Condition is Such we humbly Concieve That if we Should bee obliged to Pay the tax thats Proposined on us and that we Expect to follow it would Reduce the Most of us to be a Specttickle of Pitty to All human Cretures a Great Part of hour People Came in to this Wilderness in Such dificult times that it has all most Redused Them to Nothing But familys of Small Children We have not above three familys in town that Ever Raised their Bred Corn and in other Nessarys we have Skarse any that will Raise any thing to Spare to Purchase Such Nesasarys as they must have to Keep their familys from Suffering and our town is Two Thousand acres of Land less then our Charter Contains

and Sence our town was incorperated there is a Considerable tract of Land and Some People on it that we Cant tax though they were Recond with us Before we humbly Pray your honours to due what You in your wisdom thinks Just as Your humble Petitioners in duty bound Shall Ever Pray &c

Grafton July ye 27 AD 1779

Jabez Boz^th Barney Town Clerk

By order of the Town att A Legal Meating

[4-144] [*Justice of the Peace elected, 1779.*]

Colo. Timothey Walker Sir this is to Sartify that At a legal Meating of the Inhabetants of the town of Grafton At Legally warn^d for that Purpose They Made Choice of Liut Daniel Sanders to be A Jistes of the Peace for the County of Grafton

Grafton March ye 20 AD 1779

test Jabez Boz^th Barney town Clark

[R. 2-25] [*Account of Service done in the Revolutionary War.*]

State of New Hampshire

Grafton December ye 22 A. D. 1783

A List of The Servis Dun In the war for said Town from the year 1775 untill Now

June 9th 1777 on the Alarm at tye
1 Capt—2 Sargents—3 Privets—1 month 1 week 1 day

July ye 20 A D. 1777 at Benington
1 Lieu^t—1 Sargent—3 Privets—8 months 6 days

On alarm at Ticonteroga
1 Lieu^t—1 Sargent—4 Privets—3 weeks

On alarm at Ticonteroga
1 Capt—1 Lieu^t—1 Sargent—19 Privets—2 years 10 months

On alarm at The taking of Burgoine
1 Lieu^t—1 Pack hoss—travell of the hors not paid

On alarm at Royalton
1 Capt—1 Lieu^t—1 Sargent—1 Corporal—18 Privets—3 Pack hoss 7 months—Travell of three horses 416 miles Recieved Know Pay for the larm

June A D 1780 at cohos
2 Privets—1 year—4 months

At Peekskill 1776—1 Privet 3 months

At the Seders 177—61 Privet 3 months. Lost articles to the value of £6–18–10

On alarm 1777—1 Lieu^{t} 6 days

at Cohos 1776—1 Privet 3 months

Inhabitants of said Town Before they came In to s^{d} Town have Dun 34 years 9 months 1 week Sarvis in other states

A True Coppey of the Officers of said town and privets that has Dun servis In the other states

Russell Mason } Select men for said town

N: B Said Town has had three men has sarved three years each and one going on his third year in the Continantal Servis for s^{d} Town

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[4–145]

To the Hon^{red} the Councel and house of Representatives in gel a Sembly Convened at Concord in and for the State of Newhampshire in June 1783 the humbel Pertion of the free holders and othe in habetants of grafton in Said State honbly Shueth that it is With the gratitis greef and Destress of mind that we are Constrained to Lay Before your honours the Deplorable and Shoking Setuation of the People of Said town in Regard to our wilfair as to this wirlds goods. firstly We wold humbly Shew your onners that about the time of the Comminsment of the Late Wor this town Began to Setle And as People was in Destres and Drofe from the old Setleed towns After they had Lost a grate Part of their in trust and fled here With a very Small intrust: and as our Lots hath Cast us here and a grater Part of the People Remains Pore and Destresed And Being So nie the front ters we have Ben much Distresed in the Lorrums We have Ben at Sundry times all Cold for in the aLorrums and So many of our men hath gone that We hath Not Raised one half of our Daly Seport and We have Ben obliged to go a grate Distance for our Brat and then was obliged to give a very Extragant Price and our Being at a Distance from the Jenaral Cort Never had the Acts of that onnarable Court and Lately we have Ben Destrest By Extents from your honners of Which taks Bil We never was notyfied and as it Now Stans: we humbly Shue your honners that wee have Abselutely Came to A Reselution to gite in to Regelation And intreet your honners to Stay all further Perseedings until the Next Sessions of a Sembly when and where Wee your Pertishanors Pro-

perly State the matter and Lay it Befour your onners and also take A valeation and Lay that Befour your onners: for your wise Consideration on that mater As wee Look on your onners to be the gard Deens of our Rights: our Eiys are on you for Releas in this time of Distress: And Releaf we Pray your onners to grant us: and your Pertishenars As in Duty Bound Will Ever Pray. — — — —

Graftown June ye 13 AD 1783

Signned in Behalf of the town

Russell Mason town Clark

[4-146] [*Petition for the Passage of an Act making Produce, etc., Legal Tender for Debts, 1783.*]

To the Honourable the Council & House of Representatives In General asembly Convend at Concord in & for the State of Newhampshire in October—1783—

The Petition of the Freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Humbly Sheweth that it is with The Gratest Grief & Distress of mind that we are Constrained to Lay before your Honours the Deplorable & Shocking Situation of the People of this Town Paper Currency So amediately Sinking & the Great Scarcity of Cash almost None Surculating in this Part of the State that the Like was Never Experienced by a Free People our Taxes are Large & Not Money in the Town to Discharge one Twentieth Part of the Tax & it Seems at Such an innormous Rate there is Not Money to be had to Pay Even for the Copy of the Rits & if there is Not Somthing Done we Shall Soon be Reduced to a State of abe^l Begary therefore we Pray your honours to Pass an act to inable the People to Pay there Debts without money for we have Property if your honours would in your wisdom Pass an act that State Securities of any of the four New England States Shall be a Tender & Stock & any kind of Marchantable Produce to Discharge Debts in order to Stop Suing or to Pint out Some other Method to Releave your Distressed Subjects as we look on you to be thee Gardeens of our Rights we as Loyal Subjects Men not to Dictate nor Direct but meen to Let our Condition be known Not in the Least Doubting but that your honours will Point out Some Method to Releave us or we are to all intents & Purposes an undone People our Crops are Cut off more than one halfe & we Desire your honours to Deal kindly with us & your Petitioners as in Duty Bound will Ever Pray—

Andrew Aldrich } appointed Committee
Russell Mason } for S^d Town

[*The following Documents are from the "General Jonathan Chase Papers," in Library of N. H. Historical Society.*]

Grafton May 12th 1777
Cournnel Chase here is the Return of the men that is drafted By me

Capt Joseph Hoyt

Lieutainant Seth Marten		Sargent Perez Mason
Sargent Israel Wenchester Peck		Cristerfor Smith
Marthew Peck	Nathan oldreg	Nathaniel Mason
Simun Bullock	Simun Wheton	Joseph Sevey

Grafton July ye 24 A D 1777
Colol Chase Sir here is the Return of the men that I have Drafted according to your orders

by me Capt Joseph Hoyt

Daniel Sanders	Sergt Russell Mason	Simeon Bullock
Nathaniel Mason	thomas Howard	Martin Barney

To Colo Jonathan Chase Sr These certify that Nathaniel Andrus of Grafton Belonging to my Company twenty years of age five feet nine inches high Enlisted into the Continental Servis for three years in one of the three Regiments of the state of New Hampshire on the 3d day of March 1778 and also that Alexander Pigsley of said Grafton 25 years of age 5 feet 6 inches high and Benjamin Pigsley of said Grafton 21 years of age 5 feet 8 inches High Boath Belonging to my Company—Enlisted into the Continental Servis in March 1777 by Enlisting into Ebenezer Soper's Company belonging to a Regiment in the Massachusetts Bay the Colo of which I have now forgot but is Mentioned in one of my former returns Made to yourself. Which three Men Make up the Quota that was proportioned for my Company to Raise of the Continental troops and therefore have not Raised any men upon the last orders Sent to me &c

from Sr Your obedient Huml Svt

Joseph Hoyt Capt

Grafton 21st of April 1778

Grafton August ye 3 A D 1779
Colo Chase Sir this is the Return of the Solders in my Company thirty Soldiers Sklusive the officers and four in alaram List

By me Capt Joseph Hoyt

Grafton July ye 10 1780

Colo Chase Sir I have inListed two men Daniel Beean and Robart Raynold for six months

Yo most humb Ser^t

Joseph Hoyt Capt

[*Grafton Men drafted, 1780.*]

grafton July the 11th Day 1780

to the Honourabel Jonathan Chase Esq Con^l of the Redgment of the County of Graftown Sir after yousing every posabel Meens to inlist the three men for three months my aforts was all in vain and I am Now oblidged to Draft and I hear Send you Sir a Return of the three Drafted men viz Joseph Hambelton Aaron Barney and John Buffon Sir with grate Respect I Remain yours to Sarve

Joseph Hoyte Cap^n

[Capt. Joseph Hoyt was from Poplin (Fremont), and was the first settler in town.—ED.]

GRANTHAM.

This town was granted July 11, 1761, to John Kathan and others. No settlements were made under this grant, and it was forfeited.

It was regranted June 8, 1767, to "Col. William Simms" and others.

June 23, 1780, the westerly part of this town and the easterly part of Plainfield were erected into a parish for parochial purposes, which has since been known as Meriden.

February 5, 1788, in answer to a petition, the name of the town was changed to New Grantham, and so remained until June 12, 1818, when it was changed to Grantham.

December 2, 1808, an act was passed establishing the lines between this town and the towns of Cornish and Croydon.

By an act passed January 13, 1837, a tract of land was severed from Grantham, and annexed to Enfield.

December 25, 1844, some territory was severed from this town, and annexed to Cornish.

By an act passed June 25, 1858, the gore between Grantham and Springfield was annexed to this town.

Grantham, or New Grantham as it was then called, was one of the towns which attempted to form a union with Vermont, and was represented in the convention at Cornish, April 5, 1781, by Capt. Abel Stevens.

[4-147] [*List fo Grievances, 1777.*]

A List of Greavances complain^{d} of by ye Town of New Grantham

1st Unequal Representation. We hold that every Body Politick has an inherent right of being Represented in General Assembly and that no power on Earth is able to take that power from us no more than they have to take away ye title of our Lands for ye same power that gave us ye one gave us ye Other and ye one is as assential as the other.

2nd that when ye Late General Court was chose they were chose for ye sole purpse of acting on ye exegency of ye times and in ye room of that they immediately set up a Lasting plan of Goverment without either asking liberty of their Constituents or whether such a form of Goverment would suit them or not for we hold that ye right of instructing our Representatives is an assential prop in Civil Liberty

3dly In the System of Goverment. We hold that a Council is as much the representatives of ye State at Large as a Representative is of a perticar Town and therefore ought to be chose by ye state at Large and not have ye stat struck out into Districts for that purpose.

4^{thly} ye Code of Laws made on that system are of ye Same tenure of those we have Revolted from and for that reason we are Spilling our Blood and treasure for nothing

Signed in Behalf of ye Town of New Grantham Feb. 4th 1777 Abel Stevens a Committeman for that purpose

[Some other towns sent in similar documents. See Vol. XI, p. 23. These opinions led to an attempt to unite with Vermont.—Ed.]

[*From Gen. Jonathan Chase's Papers in N. H. Historical Society Library.*]

[*Grantham Revolutionary Soldiers.*]

A Muster and pay Roll of New Grantham men being part of Coll^{e} Jonathan Chase's Rigerment which Marched to Saratoga in the sarvice of the United states of America in September 1777

Abel Stevens Capt
Eben^{r} Jene Sarg^{t}
Lem^{ll} Colton Priv
Nath^{ll} Parkhurst D^{o}
Jon^{a} Parkhurst Ju^{r} Priv
Jon^{a} Parkhurst D^{o}
Jon^{a} Crow D^{o}

N. Grantham Augusust 2^{d} 1779

Sir. Agreeable to Orders receiv^{d} dated July 16th 1779 I have Enlisted Lemuel Colton for ye Rhodeisland Service for this Town

I am your humble Ser^{t} Abel Stevens Capt

Co^{l} Jonathan Chase

N. Grantham August 2^{d} 1779

Sir. Pursuant to orders Receiv^{d} Dated July 22^{d} 1779 a return of ye Number of men in ye Trained Band and Alarm List in Capt Abel Stevens Company

1 Capt 1 Se^{r} 14 Rank and file 2 alarm men

Pr. Abel Stevens Capt

Co^{l} Jonathan Chase

N. Grantham July 27 1777

Sir I have Inlisted our Complement of men agreeable to ye orders of the 23 Instant their names are Isaac Jenne Stephen Colton and Lemuel Colton. But they have receiv^{d} no Orders when nor where to march

I am your humble Servant

Abel Stevens Capt

To major Francis Smith

[4-148] [*Relative to Town Lines.*]

These may certify whom it may Concern that Canaan has Served the Select men of this Town with the coppy of a Petition to ye Ho^{n} ye General Court of N Hampshire concerning ye Lines of S^{d} Canaan

N Grantham March ye 14, 1781

Abel Stevens } Select
James Jenne } men

[4-149] [*Inventory for 1775*]

Inventory of the Poles and rateable Estate in the Township of New Grantham for the year 1775

Number of Poles 14—Number of horses 5—Number of oxen 9—Number of Cowes 13—Number of horses and cattel 3 yr old 2—Number of horses and Cattel 2 years old 4—Number of horses and Cattle one years old 0—Number of acres of plowing and moing land 33—Number of acres paster Land 0—Number of Writes of wild Land 66

The abov writs Prized by the Select Men at ten pound a write

The above is a true Copy of the Inventory of the Poles and Rateable Estate of the Town of New Grantham for the year 1775—

Attest Abel Stevens } Select
Elijah Gleason } Men

Cheshire ss New Grantham June the 2nd Day 1787 Parsonaly apeared the above Named Abel Stevens and Elijah Gleson and maid Solom oth to the truth of ye above Inventory before me

Nathan Young Just Peace

[4-150] [*Petition for a Parochial Parish, 1780.*]

To the honble the Council & House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Assembly convened June 1780—
Humbly Shews

Benjamin Giles Esqr in behalf of the Inhabitants of the westerly part of Grantham and the easterly part of Plainfield in the County of Cheshire.

That from local Circumstances they labour under great difficulties & inconveniences with Respect to Parochial Matters, which might be removed if they could be united into a Parish—That the westerly part of Grantham is separated from the easterly part thereof by a Ridge of very high mountains running quite across said Town so that there is scarce a possibility of passing from one to the other—That it woud be much more convenient for the Inhabitants of the Easterly part of Plainfield, in those matters, to Join and be connected with the westerly part of Grantham than with the other part of said Plainfield—

That the other Inhabitants of said Towns are willing they should be separated from them & incorporated into a Parish for

the Purposes aforesaid—Wherefore he prays that they may be erected into a Parish within the following bounds beginning at the North line of Plainfield three Miles & Eighty Rods from Connecticut River thence running south forty Degrees West to a beach Tree marked standing in the South Line of said Plainfield then Easterly by said Line & the South Line of Grantham to the Top of said Ridge then Northerly by the Top of said Ridge to the North Line of Grantham then westerly by said Line & the North line of Plainfield to the place where it began, to have continuance & Succession forever And that they may be invested with the Power of Assessing levying & raising Money for the Sole Purpose of building a Meeting house & keeping the Same in Repair & for Settling & constantly maintaining a Gospel Minister in the Same—& that they may be liberated & exempted from paying towards the Same in other part of their Respective Towns & as bound Shall pray &c—

Benjn Giles

[The parish asked for in the foregoing was incorporated June 23, 1780. It has ever since been known by the name of Meriden.—ED.]

[4-151] [*Petition to have the Name of the Town established as New Grantham, 1787.*]

To the Honourable Senate and House of Representatives now sitting at Charlestown the Petition of Samuel Duncan in behalf of the Inhabitants of New Grantham humbly shews,

That whereas the s^{d} Township is recorded in the Treasurers Office by the Name of Grantham, and the Inhabitants of s^{d} Township being settled under the Name of New Grantham as appears by the Charter, it makes it very difficult for s^{d} Inhabitants to collect any Taxes; the Warrants issuing from the Treasurers office in the Name of Grantham and the Inhabitants and nonresident Proprietors holding their Title by the Name of New Grantham, are unwilling to pay s^{d} Taxes, and the Collectors do not conceive themselves sufficiently authorized by s^{d} Warrants to dispose of their Land for the Payment thereof your Petitioner therefore prays your honours would Order the Name of said Township to be altered in the Treasurer's Office and that all Proceedings of s^{d} Inhabitants in consequence of collecting Taxes by Order of s^{d} Warrants may be established.

And your Petitioner further prays that said Inhabitants may have an Abatement of their Taxes in those Years in which they were doomed, they conceiving s^{d} Doomage to be much more

than their Proportion of Taxes which they are ready to make appear by their Lists, and also desires your Honours to look into the State of the Fine laid on s^d^ Inhabitants for neglecting to send Soldiers, and if it shall appear reasonable, make an Abatement of the same, and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray—

Samuel Duncan

Charlestown Sept 20 1787

[The foregoing petition was granted, as to the name, Feb. 5, 1788.—ED.]

GREENFIELD.

This town was incorporated June 15, 1791, and was composed of portions of Society Land, Peterborough, and Lyndeborough, and land between the two last named towns, called Lyndeborough Gore. Daniel Emerson, Esq., was authorized to call the first meeting.

By an act passed Dec. 28, 1791, the boundaries of the town were changed and established. Dec. 11, 1792, the two east ranges of lots of land in Greenfield, in that portion which previous to the incorporation of the town was known as Lyndeborough Addition, were annexed to Francestown, together with the following inhabitants: Ithamar Woodward, Andrew Cresey, Francis Epes, Jacob Dutton, William Draper, John Batten, Isaac Balch, Israel Balch, and Richard Batten.

July 4, 1872, another portion of this town was annexed to Francestown. A portion of the territory now comprised in Greenfield was settled in 1771 by Major A. Whittemore, Capt. Alexander Parker, Simeon Fletcher, and others. It has been stated that the name Greenfield was given the town by Major Whittemore.

[4-153] [*Petition of Sundry Inhabitants to be annexed to Francestown, 1792.*]

To the honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of the State of Newhampshire in General Court convened the first Wednesday of June ADomini 1792
Humbly shew

The Subscribers now living, within the bounds of the Town, lately incorporated, in the County of Hillsboro' in said State,

by the name of Greenfield—That it is with unspeakable sorrow, they consider themselves as included within the bounds of said Greenfield, to which they have been uniformly & decidedly opposed, since the first movement with respect to said Greenfield, & with which they never can with any degree of contentment be connected—The high opinion they entertain of the wisdom & integrity of the honorable General Court, convinces them that their situations & dispositions were misrepresented to the Court, or they never would have passed an Act, which your petitioners consider, as totally disfranchising them from all Town priviledges, to which they were before entitled in Lyndeborough. There they had spent their best days in bringing forward the Town, building a meeting house, settling a minister & providing for the education of their children, & flattered themselves, that under the enjoyment of our present constitution, the second article, of the bill of *Rights*, would have been a sufficient security against their being deprived, of those means of happiness without their consent, & are so pained at the Idea of finding themselves and their posterity in a place, where the greatest part of the burden, incident to new Towns, are yet to be submitted to, & their future prospects of ever enjoying the advantages, they once had of the Gospel—& of Schools &c.—that they are constrained to apply to your honours, and with the most profound humility, but greatest importunity supplicate the further attention of the honorable General Court to their unhappy situation—With the provision made for their poling to Lyndeboro', they cannot consider themselves, as properly belonging to any town, or entitled to priviledges in any—With Greenfield they cannot join, with Lyndeboro' they can claim no rights, tho' they doubt not of a friendly reception; but do not wish to be viewed as interlopers or enjoy priviledges by mere Courtesy—The beg leave to suggest to your honours, that the Estates of your petitioners, all lay contiguous to each other, & are not mixed with those of any persons, who wish to go a different way, That they are all on the borders of Francestown & within two or two & a half miles of Francestown meeting-house & the shortest distance from said lots to said meeting-house but one mile & seventy one rods, & a good road leading thereto—That they have long attended public worship in s^d Francestown, not only on account of its being the nearest & most convenient for them: but on account of the minister whom they highly esteem—& can be better accommodated with Schools there, than in any other place—That the distance from the place, now talked of, for holding public worship in Greenfield, is a quarter, or a third further, from your petitioners & the road much worse, & always likely to be so, & the real centre of Greenfield still more distant, and the annexing

your petitioners to Francestown will mend the form of that Town without injuring that of Greenfield—Your petitioners therefore pray that they may be rescued from the bondage of belonging to Greenfield, or living within the limits of it, & be annexed to Francestown, where they can enjoy priviledges, which they will consider, as a compensation, for those they had a right to in Lyndeboro' & on account of local situation, superiour to any they ever can hope in Lyndeborough or in Greenfield—Wherefore as your petitioners always have been averse to any connection with Greenfield, as their interest, convenience, inclination, & local situation all so stronly lead to Francestown—as Greenfield will not be hurt in its form, and Francestown will be mended by our being set from one Town to the other—as Lyndeborough have consented to release us & Francestown to receive us And Greenfield have no present right to us & will be better able to do without us in all probability hereafter than at present, we therefore beg your honours to set off the two east ranges of Lyndeboro' adition so called containing six lots from Greenfield, annex them to Francestown & thereby deliver your petitioners from their present distress & misery, and they as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Ithamar Woodward	Andrew Creesey	Francis Epes
Jacob Dutton	Reuben Kimball	William Draper
John Batten	Isaac Balch	Israel Balch
Richard Batten		

[The foregoing request was granted, and the petitioners and their estates annexed to Francestown Dec. 11, 1792.—Ed.]

[4-154] [*Petition for Annexation of some Lands to Greenfield, 1793.*]

State of New Hampshire County of Hillsborough

To the Honourable Senate and House of Representatives Convened at Concord in said State the fifth Day of June one thousand seven hundred and Ninety three—

The Petition of *We* the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Greenfield in the State & County aforesaid Humbly Sheweth that it appears by the Charter of said Greenfield that the South Range of the Odione Right so called, is divided nearly the middle, and it being much to our Damage to be the outskirts of two towns—We therefore pray *you* Honours woud take into consideration and annex the remaining part of our Lands to

the town of Greenfield the Bounds as follows beginning at the Norwest Corner of Greenfield, thence by the River to the North line of the aforesaid South Range, thence Easterly upon the North side of said Range as the Lines Runs to Francestown Line, thence Southerly to the Northeast corner of Greenfield on the Crotchet Mountain so called—& Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever pray—

Samuel Hixon	Samuel Butterfield	J. H. Eaton
bengbeew Whitnee	Jacob Johnson	William Willson
William Willson Jun[r]	Ephraim Hildreth	James Bayley

GREENLAND.

This is one of the old towns, and was settled in the latter part of the seventeenth century, at which time it belonged to the town of Portsmouth. John Farmer states that it "was incorporated as a distinct town in 1703;" but I cannot find any mention of it in the records of the council and assembly for that year. The following documents seem to show conclusively that Mr. Farmer was mistaken.

In May, 1705, the inhabitants petitioned for the privilege of having a minister and schoolmaster among themselves, and to be exempt from paying towards the support of the church and school at Portsmouth, which was granted, and Rev. William Allen was ordained there July 15, 1707.

Greenland was assessed by the assessors of Portsmouth, and paid province rates in connection with that town until 1721; after that year they were assessed by themselves, but had no representative in the assembly until the fall of 1732.

Jan. 3, 1716, the inhabitants of Squamscot Patent, living on the east side of the "line running from Wall Creek to Hampton bounds," were "joined to the Parish of Greenland." When Greenland became a town I am unable to ascertain. It was called a parish in an act passed in 1757.

Dec. 18, 1805, some land belonging to Brackett Weeks was severed from Stratham and annexed to this town; and on July 2, 1847, a tract belonging to Samuel Hatch was also taken from Stratham and annexed to Greenland.

By an act approved June 23, 1859, the divisional line between this town and Stratham was established, but said act was amended June 27, 1860.

[4-155] [*Petition to have the Boundaries established, 1714.*]

To His Excellency Joseph Dudley Esqr Governour and Commander in Chiefe of Her Majesties province of New Hampshir and the Honourable Her Majesties Council and House of Representatives now Conven^{d} in General Assembly

The humble petition of the Inhabitants of the parish of Greenland Humbly Sheweth,

That there is great occasion for your petitioners to Know the Bounds of their parish that they may not be Oppressed by being taxed as Some of them is Said to live in portsm^{o} parish or in Bloody point parish; but that a line may be Run betwixt Greenland parish and Bloody point parish; but that a line may be Runn betwixt Greenland parish and Bloody point parish and betwixt portsmouth parish & Greenland parish that Every Inhabitant may know what parish he properly belongs to. And that Such persons as your Excellency and thes Hon^{able} Board may think meet be appointed for doeing the Same; And that your Excellency and the General Assembly would be pleased Soe to Order that your petitioners in Maintaineing the principle School and poor among themselves may be Exempted from all other Charges Save only the province tax, and tax of the assembly; all which wee humbly conceive to be Reasonable

Wee therefor most humbly Crave your Excellency & their Honours Concurrence to these our requests, and your petitioners as in duty Bound shall pray &c.

Jam^{s} March	Ebenezer Johnson	Nathan Johnson
Thos Perkins	John Cate	James Johnston
Jonathan weeks	Beniamin Skilen	Nathaniell Berey
Joseph Berey	Israel March	James Berrey
William Haines	Robart Goss	matth hans
Willam^{m} hodg	nath^{l} hugen	John briant
Sam^{ll} Daves	daniel Alien	daniel davses
Tho : Packer	Josh Peirce	Sam^{ll} weeks
Joshua weeks	John Johnson	Sarah Jackson
Joseph weeks	John Philbrok	John Philbrok
Sam^{ll} neal	John neal	John Alien
nathaniel watson	robart briant junyer	John Docom

[In council, May 12, 1714, Colonel Waldron, Mark Hunking, Speaker Gerrish, George Jaffrey, John Downing, and Samuel Weeks were appointed "to ascertaine the Limits of the said Parishes." Bloody Point was named Newington, the same day, by the governor. The committee reported,

July 28, 1714, that "We are of Opinion the Parish of Newington be Bounded from the River of Piscataqua by the Inhabitants following viz. James Gray Henry Bennet Joseph Johnson Sam[l] Tomson and Thomas Pickering upon the Great Bay and that these present Inhabitants, with the Lands and Estates they live upon and whosoever shall live upon them hereafter or build within the Limits aforesaid shall pay their parish taxes to Newington. And that the parish of Greenland be bounded upon the Great Bay by the ffarm of the widdow Jackson Joshua Pearce and Israel March and soe to Packers bridge, and thence to Joshua Haines M[r] Cates and Edward Ayres ffarme and from thence Southwesterly to Hampton Bounds." Signed by the committee.—ED.]

[4-156]

At a parish meeting holden In greenland march y[e] 15th 1721
Voted Cap[t] Samuell weeks Cap[t] James Johnson Cap[t] Joshua weeks for A cometey to treate with y[e] onroabell Lift[ant] goviner that greenland be set of a destink parsh that we may have pour to Rais our porposion of provance takexis within our parish

by John Cate P[r] Clark

[In council, March 21, 1721, the petition was granted, and a committee appointed to establish their proportion of the province tax.—ED.]

[4-157] [*Petition for Authority to elect a Representative, 1730.*]

To his Excellencie Jonathan Belcher Cap[t] Gen[ll] and Commander in Chief in and over his Maj[ties] Province of Newhampshire to the Hon[ble] the Council & house of Representativs Conven'd in Gen[ll] ass[m]—

The Humble Petetion of the Select men of the parrish of Greenland most humbly Sheweth—That the parrish of Greenland being set off a particular precinct from Portsmouth and Since they have been so set off hath not had any Vote in Chusing any assembly man: nor hath not any power in their precinct to Make Choice of any person to Represent them in the Gen[ll] ass[m]

Therefore they humbly pray they may have Liberty and or-

ders to Chuse a Proper person out of their precinct to Represent them att all times in the Gen^{ll} ass^{m} & your Petitioners, shall as in Duty Bound Ever pray &c

x^{r} the 1^{t} 1730—

Matthias Haines } Select
Daniel Lunt } men

Dismissed

[4-158] [*Relative to Ministerial Taxes, 1739.*]

These may Certify y^{t} Mr Thomas Packer, Mr Thomas Marston & Willm Simpson Are Clear^{d} from paying Rates to the Minister of this Perish By atending devine Worship at the Church in Portsm^{h}

And likewise Willm Jenkins is Exempted being quaker

John Weeks Perish Clerk

Greenland Febur. 18th 1739/40

[4-159] [*Military Officers Elected, 1775.*]

Whereas we the Subscribers inhabitense of gree
Nland being duly senseble of the Importance of
Being instructed in the militery art in this
Alarming cricis & willing to be taught the same that
We may be prepared to defend the libertys of our
Country which we hold dearer then our lives and
Whereas our officers heartu appoynted
And commissioned by the governer have been negle
Gent in larnying us the same we have tharefore
Thought fit to choose thomas berry captain
Greeleaf clark first liu^{t} david simson second
Liu^{t} thomas johnson ensign we tharfore pray that the
Honble congress woud conferm our said choyce and
Yure petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

Greenland June 26 1775

Thomas Marston	Ebenezar Johnson Senr	John Rawlings
Th^{s} Brackett		Noah Haines
Thomas Nudd	Thomas Berry Ju^{r}	william Lucy
Joseph Wiggin	Joseph Cate	Samuel Philbrook
Benjamin mark × Nud	Jeremiah Holmes	Nathaniel Marston 3rd
Nathaniel his × Avery	Nathanael Marston J^{r}	Jeremiah mason
Joseph his × mark thustain	Johnson Hoore	Thos his mark × Blaso
	Samuel Nudd	
	David Wiggin	Pike Burnum

Joshua Berry
John Haines jr
Nathan X Haines
mark
Winthrop Johnson
Joshua Johnson
George Lang
David Johnson
Matthias Haines
John Folsom
Joshua Brackett
Abraham Dearborn
William Simson Jr
Simeon Norton
James Berry
Samuel Dearborn
Thomas Lang
Job Chapman
John Philbrook
William Berry
John Johnson Jr
William pirkins
John Johnson
Nathaniel Haines
thomas dearborn
Richard Tarlton
Samuel huggens
Abraham Johnson
Joshua call
William Simson
William Berry Jr
Benjamin Norton
Benjamin Norton Junr
Phinehas Weeks

[4-160] [*Vote relative to forming a State Government, 1776.*]

Colony of New Hampshire

To the honble Council & House of Representatives lately appointed for said Colony—

At a legal full Meeting of us the Freeholders & Inhabitants of Greenland in the County of Rockingham, on Friday ye 12th Day of Jany 1776, to consider of the Propriety & Expediency of forming a new Government in this Colony—After mature Deliberation upon this very interesting & important Concern, We are clearly of Opinion that the erecting of a new Government in this Colony at this critical moment is unnecessary & impolitic, unnecessary as all the Business of the Colony might as effectually be done in Congress as under the present new form of Government and impolitic as it wears the appearance of a permanent Government & savours of Independance and in its Consequences is likely to prove detrimental to the glori ous Cause in which all the Colonies are embarked and to disarm our Friends in great Britain of the most powerful Weapons in our favor Wherefore we humbly pray that the honble Council & House of Representatives would resolve themselves again into a Congress which was the Line in which their Constituents expected they would conduct—

Voted, unanimously That William Weeks Esqr be desired in Behalf of the Town to present the foregoing Draught

A true Copy

attest: William Pickering Clerk
Po T.

[R. 2-26]

[This is a detailed account of Joshua Haines, of Green-

land, for going to Billerica, taking care of and carrying home one James Haines, a soldier, amounting to £75. He was allowed £8, 15.—ED.]

[R. 2–29] [*Relative to Thomas Packer, Jr., Soldier, 1779.*]

[In a petition dated "Greenland, Novr 8th 1779," Thomas Packer, Jr., states that he "Engaged as a Volunteer in the expedition to Rhode Island in the Company Commanded by Capt John Folsom, in Col^{o} Moses Kelleys Regiment," was taken sick of dysentery and fever, wants the state to pay the bills, which amount to £31, 12. Capt. Folsom certifies to his having been a good soldier, and the account was allowed.—ED.]

[R. 2–32] [*Soldier's Order.*]

Greenland Sep^{tr} 29th 1781—

This may certify that I William Wallis of Greenland in y County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire do hereby renounce and give up to ye Selectmen of Greenland the wages which I as a soldier enlisting into ye Militia may expect to receive from this State As witness my hand

William Wallis

[4–161] [*Matrimonial Agreement, Thomas Packer and Molly Tarlton, 1779.*]

This Indenture made this twenty fifth day of December A: D. 17779 by and between Thomas Packer of Greenland in the County of Rockingham and State of New-Hampshire husbandman on the one part, and Molly Tarlton of said Greenland Spinster, on the other part Witnesseth, that whereas a marriage is intended and proposed shortly to be Solemnized between the Said Thomas & the Said Molly, in consideration thereof and of the Mutual love the parties bear to each other

It is hereby Covenanted, granted and agreed by the Said Thomas for him Self and his heirs, ex'rs & Administ^{s} to and with the said Molly her ex'rs & adm'rs that in case the said Marriage should take Effect, and she the Said Molly should survive the said Thomas, there shall then be paid to the Said Molly her ex'rs & adm'rs out of the Estate of the said Thomas,

annually during her widowhood the Sum of Twelve pounds at the Value of Money when Corn is Sold at the Rate of Six Shillings per Bushel, and shall be entitled to live in the Mansion house of the said Thomas in said Greenland during her widowhood free of Charge, have the use of the Cellar & What it Contains Roots and Provisions liquors &c from year to year the Produce of the Farm—and besides the General use of the said House, Cellar Dairy &c shall have the southwest room in said House, With one Bed Solely to her own use during her sd widowhood Which shall be fitted up for that purpose by Said Thomas's Executors. And it is further Covenanted, granted and agreed by the Said Thomas for himself his heirs, ex'rs and adm'rs, to and with the Said Molly her ex'rs and adm'rs that in Case said marriage Should take Effect, and the Said Molly should Survive the Said Thomas That then the Said Molly her Ex'rs and adm'rs shall have and receive to her and their use all the apparel & furniture that belonged to her at the time of her Marriage—But in Case the Said Molly Should again marry after the death of the Said Thomas Then from that time the Said annuity Shall cease with the right to live in Said house & to the Produce of the Said Farm; and in the stead thereof she shall receive out of the Estate of said Thomas The Sum of Twenty four pounds in money of like value with that before Mentioned to be paid her on Demand by the heirs, ex'rs or adm'rs of the Said Thomas—Provided that the said Covenant Grant and agreement with the Said Molly to live in said house and to receive sufficient Provisions off the Farm for her support shall not be binding in case the sd Estate is adjudged not to belong to Said Thomas's heirs after his decease—

In consideration thereof the said Molly for her Self her heirs ex'rs and adm'rs doth hereby covenant grant and agree to and with the said Thomas his heirs, ex'rs and adm'rs that she will, in Case said marriage should take Effect and she survive him, never ask or demand any Dower in the real Estate of the Said Thomas nor anything as thirds in his Personal Estate, nor ask Demand or receive any part of the Said Thomas's Estate, whether real or Personal, and that neither she, her heirs, ex'rs nor Adm'rs shall make any demand on the heirs or Assigns of the Said Thomas for Dower, nor on his ex'rs or Adm'rs for any thing Whatsoever that She might otherwise be entitled to as the said Thomas's widow further than what is granted in this Indenture, and that She and they Shall forever be barred and procluded of all other demands by Virtue of these Presents and that after the said Thomas's decease She Shall and will at any time on request, release and quit Claim forever her Right of Dower and Power of thirds in Said Estate—To the due performance of the Covenants aforesaid the Parties Mutually bind themselves in

the Penal Sum of Six Hundred Thousand Pounds, and interchangeably Set their Hands and Seals the Day and year aforesaid

Signed Sealed & Delrd
in Presence of
Joshua Haines
Jacob Haness
Saml Hutchings

Thomas Packer
Molly her mark × Tarlton

[4-162] [*Relative to Election of Representative, 1783.*]

State of New Hampr Rockingham ss

To the honble the Councel & House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly conven'd at Concord the 25th day of Decemr A D 1783

Humbly shew the subscribers being a majority of the legal voters for the choice of Representatives in the Town of Greenland in the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid that the Inhabitants have long had the exclusive right of electing a Representative for themselves and that they have very nearly the number of male Inhabitants paying a poll tax for themselves which the new Constitution requires to intitle them to send a Representative and that the Inhabitants of said Greenland are so situated as to render the classing them with any other Town, Parish or Place very inconvenient. Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that your honors would issue a Writ for the said Town to elect and send a Representative to the next General Assembly and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c

David Simpson
Jacob Haness
William Cate
Isaiah Berry
Nathan Cate
John Weeks Jr
Ebenezer Johnson
Nathaniel Goss
Nathan Marston
Joshua Ayers
William Jenkens
Ichabod weeks
William Norton
Robert Tuften Philbrook Jr

John Poor
Bradbury Sanborn
Thomas Berry Jur
Samuel Huggins Junr
George Weeks
Noah Haines
Volintine Dame
Andrew Cate
George Lucy
Saml Pickering
Jonathan Bailey
Benjamin Norton
Benjamin Norton Jr
Josiah Haines
Saml Philbrook

Thomas Berrey
Moses Brown
Wm Weeks
Joshua Brackett
Nathanael Marston Jr
John Weeks
Joseph Cate Junr
John Thompson
Abraham Dearborn
William Willis
Simeon Norton
Robr tufton Philbrook Senor
Joshua Weeks
William Jenkens

John J Dearborn	John Haines	John Haines jr
George Philbrook	Sam[l] Dearborn	David Wiggins
John Grant	James Brackett	Jotham Johnson
Richard Tarlton	Samuel ayers	Eliphalet Ayers
Sam[l] haines	Joshua Neal	Enoch Clark
Sam[l] Ayers jr	Tho[s] Packer	Jeremiah Cate
Samuel Cate	Will[m] Pickering	Bradbury Sanborn
James Whidden	Mark Jenkins	Lewis Haines
Joh Ayers	Thomas Johnson	David Johnson
Josiah Weeks	George Brackett	Joshua Johnson
Clement March	Simeon Dearborn	

[4-163] [*Petition for Authority to raise Money by Lottery to Build a Bridge, 1789.*]

To the honourable Senate & honourable House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire in General Court assembled—

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Greenland and others, humbly sheweth that Rebuilding the Bridge over what is called little Harbour River whereby New-Castle, or what is called great Island may be joined to the main Land and a free Communication opened between s[d] Island and the Country, is of great Importance not only to New-Castle & Towns adjacent, but to the State in general—That by increasing the Numbers & Wealth of New-Castle, the Fishery will be increased; and the Wealth thereby obtained, be in the Issue thrown into the Lap of the State in general and so the rebuilding the Bridge afores[d] become of extensive & general Advantage—That on the other hand if s[d] Bridge is not rebuilt New-Castle must empoverish & dwindle, & in Time must sink into Nothing to the diminishing of the Fishery and Wealth of the State in general—And whereas the Inhabitants of s[d] New-Castle & their Neighbours adjacent have not Strength to the arduous Work without the public Aid: these are therefore most earnestly to request the Legislative Body of the State to hear our joint Petition & Request with the Inhabitants of s[d] Town of New-Castle & others, and grant a Lottery to raise a Sum not exceeding fifteen hundred Pounds for the Purpose of rebuilding the Bridge afores[d] under the Care and Management of such Trustees as the honourable Legislature shall appoint—Which we your Petitioners most dutifully pray &c.—

Dated at Greenland December 24th 1789

George Brackett	Nathaniel Goss	James Brackett
Joshua Brackatt	Nathan Johnson J.	Nathan Johnson

Thomas Johnson
Ichabod Weeks
Thomas Berry Jr
Job Chapman
Enoch Clark
Enoch Moody Clark
Joseph Cate
Joshs Weeks
Samuel Nudd
Willam Jenkens
John Dearborn
John Wingate
Job Jenness
John Potter
Chas Wiggin
William Haines
Saml Chapman
Levi Dearborn Junr
Christopher Smith
Mark Jenkins
John Ayers Jr
Francis Berry
Danl Pickering Juner
Jons Bailey
Jabes Sanborn
George Simson
Thomas Lang Jur
Jonathan Wiggin
David Simpson
Thomas Lang
Joseph Clark
Ebenezer Johnson Jun
Gawen Patterson
Josiah Lang
John Weeks
Mark Meloon
Jonathan Downing
John Fogg
Saml Dearborn
Willm Norton
Reuben G. Dearborn Jr
Jonathan Piper
Noah Haines
Simeon Norton
Benjn Dearborn
John Hains
R Tufton Philbrook
Joshua Ayers
Saml Pickering
Johs Pickering
Jonathan Bailey Jr
James Wedgwood
George Libbey
Clemt March
David Johnson
Joseph Dearborn
John Haines jr
Thomas Marston jr
Josiah Haines
William Haines Jr
Wm Weeks
George Weeks
Stephen March
Levi Dearborn
Danl Gookin
Richd Jenness
Thos Marston
Mark Wiggin
Joseph Dearborn
Nathaniel Marston
Benjn Norton Junr
Benjs Swett
Benjam moulton
George Philbrook
John Ayers
William Jenkens
Absalum Pickering
George Pickering
Richard Tarlton
Abraham Dearborn

GROTON.

The township was granted to George Abbott and others July 8, 1761, by the name of Cockermouth. No settlements being made, the grant was forfeited, and on November 22, 1766, it was regranted to John Hale and others, who made some settlements in 1770,—James Gould, one of the grantees, Capt. Ebenezer Melvin, Jonas Hobart, Phinehas Bennet, and Samuel Farley settling that year. The full conditions of the latter grant, however, were not complied with, and Governor Wentworth granted an extension January 24, 1772, for three years.

In 1792 a portion of this township was united with a por-

tion of Plymouth, and incorporated into a town by the name of Hebron.

By an act approved December 7, 1796, the name of the town was changed to Groton, in answer to a vote of the town.

By an act approved June 26, 1845, a tract of land known as the Gore, and some other lots, were severed from Hebron, and annexed to Groton.

Among the Revolutionary soldiers from Groton were Gideon Fletcher and John Hazelton, in the First Regiment.

[4-164] [*Election of Justice of the Peace, 1779.*]

State of Newhampshire Grafton ss

To the Honerable Counsel and House of Representatives

May it plese your Honours that the freeholders and other Inhabetants of the town of Cockermouth at a Legal meeting may 10 1779

Voted that the Select men of S^d^ town of Cockermouth make aplication to the Counsel and House of Representitives for a Justice of the peace for S^d^ town also Voted that Capt Eben Kendall be S^d^ Justice of the peace

therefore your petitioners Humbly Request that your Honours would appoint Said Kendall for a Justice of the peace and that He be authorized for that purpose

and your petitioners as In Duty Bound Shall Ever pray

Cockermouth may 30 1779

William Powers } Select men
Phinehas Bennett } of the town of Cockermouth

[4-165] [*Relative to a Road through Plymouth, etc., 1781.*]

To the Honb^l^ Council And House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire in Genl Assembly, convened at Exeter, on the Second Wednesday of this Instant,

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Cockermouth, Dorchester, Lyme, & others; Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners have ever Since the Settlement of these Towns Labourd under many hardships, & great Inconvenienses, for want of a good Carriage way through that part of

Plymouth, that falls between Cockermouth and Alexandria, upon the road that leads from Doctr Bartlett's Farm in Sd Cockermouth, to Mr John McMurfey's in Sd Alexandria; which is So extreme Bad at present, that it is not passable without the greatest Difficulty on horse-back, much less with Teams.—

Besides there is a road, located and mark'd through the N. W. part of Sd Cockermouth, part of which is already cut out and Cleared, and the remaining part, will be Cleared imediately into the Township of Wentworth, which Town is also, preparing a Road, in the most direct line of communication to Cooss. Your Honours will be pleased to observe, that when this Road is Compleated, the Inhabitants of Cooss with the Towns adjacent thereto, & likewise the Easterly Part of this State, that have concerns thither; as also the greatest part of the Massachusetts, may have access & recess, to & from each other; fifteen or perhaps twenty miles nearer, than the Road that is now travel'd: which your Petitioners humbly presume, will be readily granted, by all the impartial, that are acquainted with that part of the Country and also that it may be made as good or better Road than that which is now occupied.—And besides. the many disadvantages, that accrue to your Petitioners and others, at present from the badness of that Road, throug that part of Plymouth above mention'd, your Honours, will be pleas'd to take Notice also, that the principal Impediment, with respect of this new Road to Cooss, lies in this way through Plymouth.—And that Some of your Petitioners, have made repeated application, to Plymouth for a reparation of this Road, but hitherto it has been to no effect.

And the Inhabitants of Cockermouth, have also Petitioned to this Honbl House heretofore, for redress upon this Head, which was then read, and postpon'd, by reason of the member from Plymouth, engaging that this Road Should be repair'd immediately; but it has Still been neglected.

Therefore your Petitioners humbly conceive, that your Honours, will at once See the Necessity, Propriety and public Utility, in the immediate Reparation of Sd Road, and humbly Pray that the Township of Plymouth, may be compell'd Speedily, to Clear, Bridge, and Casway, this road, So that it might be render'd convenient, for passing—Or that your Honours, would be pleas'd to appoint Some other method whereby Sd Road may become Commodious for the Public benefit.

And as in Duty bound your Petitioners will ever Pray &c.

March 2d 1781

Saml Piper	Benjn Piper	Soln Blood
David Clerk	Stepn Ames	Peter Gilman
Elijah Noyes	Wm Powers	Nathl Fyfield

Saml Page
Pelatiah Bartlett
Jotham Gillis
Tyschal Cleaveland
Thos Gilbert
Benjn Rise
Silvanus Woodworth
John Woodworth
Jacob Ceaford
Thos Clement
Asa Foster
Jon^{a} Bates
Abr^{m} Buell
Sim^{n} Lovejoy
Saml Hazeltine
James Colburn
Isaac Powers
Eben^{r} Melvin
Saml Farley
Thos Caldwell
James Walker
James Goold
Wm Taylor
Thos Folsom
David Flanders
Abner Ingraham
Andrew Hicok
Alex^{r} Jameson
Thos Mills
Joseph Rogers
Thos Nevins Junr
Eben^{r} Melvin J^{r}
David Hale
Enoch Noyes Junr
Jerath^{l} Bowers
Timothy Blood
Nehemiah Hardy
Saml Perley
Saml Fellows
Alex^{r} Caldwell
John House
Nathl Lord
Jno Sulloway
Junia Ingraham Junr
Junia Ingraham
Gideon Bridgman
Daniel Jameson
Nathl Green
Zeb^{n} Gilman
Eben^{r} Phelps
Saml Phelps
Nathl Ball
John Hale
Jacob Lovejoy
Step^{n} Ames Jun
Eben^{r} Kendall
N. Gilman
Peter Gilman J^{r}

[4-166] [*Petition relative to Road through Alexandria, 1782.*]

To the Honorable Council, and House of Representatives for the State of Newhampshire, In General Assembly Convened, at Concord March 1782.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Cockermouth, Dorchester, and others:

Humbly Sheweth, That the Road from the Northerly Line of Alexandria through which Town Your Petitioners & others must pass, to Transact near all our Publick Business of importance is Extreme Bad, and uncomfortable to Travil in. That Some of your Petitioners have often Broke their Slays, Sleds, and Carriages in Conveying the Necesaries of Life to our Families through S^{d} Town. Our Selves, Oxen, and Horses have often Been Greatly Ingur'd, by the Badness of S^{d} Road, and this too, more or Less, at all Seasons of the Year.

Your Honors will further Observe, That Repeated applications have Been made to the S^{d} Alexandria, to make S^{d} Road a good Waggon one, Notwithstanding which the S^{d} Road Remains as is above Represented. Wherefore Your Petitioners Humbly Pray that the S^{d} Alexandria May be enabled and Compell'd or the Proprietors of said Town to make us a good Waggon Road, from the Road lately Repaired By the Proprietors of Plymouth on the Northerly Line of S^{d} alexandria, to

Joshua Tolphords Esq, in S^{d} Town, and as In Duty Bound your Petitioners Shall ever Pray &c.

Cockermouth March 12 1782.

Jonth Bartlet	N Gilman	Gershom Hobart
Zechariah Kemp	John Haselton	Jonathan Bates
Thomas Nevens	Enoch Noyes	Samuel Perley
Samuel Hazelton	Peter Gilman Hazel-tine	Eb^{r} Kendall
Evan Bartlett	Eben melven	Jasariah Crosby
Jerathmel Bowers	John Hobart	Jonas Hobart
Thomas Nevins Ju^{r}	Sam^{ll} Farley	Stephen Ames
uriah Pike	Zeb^{n} Gilman	Nath^{ll} Gilman
Nehemiah Hardy	Abraham Buell	Ezekiel Metcalf
Jeremiah newhall	Simeon Lovejoy	Jacob Perkins
Peter Gilman Jr	Timothy Blood	Stephen Goodhue
Isaac Powers		Henry Phelps

[In H. of Rep., March 27, 1782, a hearing was ordered for the next session.—Ed.]

[4-167] [*Capt. Edmund Shattuck recommended for a Magistrate, 1785.*]

To his Excellency the Presedant of the State of New Hampshire

May it please your Excellency

We your dutifull Petitioners free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Cockermouth in the County of Grafton and State aforesaid we understand that we have know Commission of Peace Granted to us although this Town is but Small as tis in Number we think that we Stand in need of a Commission of the Peace in it by reason of our Loes and other Circumstances So tharefore we Humbly present this petition to your Excellency that if it wold Please your Excellency that you would Grant a Commision to Capt Edmond Shattuck of this town.
and as in duty bound Shall ever Pray &c

Stephen Ames	Nathaniel Blood	William Powers
Ezekiel Metcalf	Samuel Metcalf	Ebenezer melven
Peter Gilmen	John Hall	David Hall
Eben melven Ju	Abel Lovjoy	Thomas Ross
Asahel Buell	Jeremiah Ames	William Blood
William Colburn	Nathaniel Blood Juner	Samuel Goodhue
John Woodbury		

[4-167½] [*Petition relative to Boundaries, 1785.*]

State of New Hampshire } The Honble the Senate and house of Representatives convened at portsmouth in the state aforesaid the Tenth day of June Anno Domini 1785.

The petition of the Proprietors of the Town of Cockermouth in said State of New Hampshire—

Most Humbly sheweth That in October Anno Domini 1780 The State made an act intitled "An Act to servey & establish the bounds of sundry towns in the Counties of Strafford & Grafton" which towns are particularly mentioned in said Act And also in & by said Act among other things impowering Ebenezer Thompson Esqr & others as Committee to survey & lay out by proper metes & bounds the following towns viz—Rumney, Wentworth, Warren, Plymouth, Campton, Piermont & Orford. And a return of s^d Survey being made into the Secretaries Office under the hands of s^d Committee or any three or more of them in one year from the passing said Act, should be binding & conclusive in Law upon all persons upon certain conditions & limitations therein mentioned—

And whereas the running the lines of the afores^d towns, your Petitioners apprehend will be very detrimental to the town of Cockermouth for the following reasons viz—First, That altho' said Act sets forth that public notice had been given & no person had appeared to oppose the same yet that the Proprietors of Cockermouth who are mentioned in said Act & are materially concerned in the Issue of running lines, never were notified, neither was said Cockermouth ever notified as a town.—

Secondly—That the lines of the towns of Lyme, Dorchester & Cockermouth were all surveyed by order of the Honorable the Superior Court of the Province of New Hampshire, more than ten years ago, which surveys were made use of in trials of actions at law then depending between the said Proprietors of Cockermouth & Plymouth, And that agreeable to said Surveys, said proprietors of Cockermouth recovered in all said Actions, & have constantly possessed, occupied & improved said land, paid the taxes thereof, & defended the same against the Common Enemy throughout a tedious war & that a considerable part of the land in said Cockermouth has been sold for State & proprietory taxes within that time—

Thirdly—That by the return of the Committee who were authorised by the before mentioned Act, your petitioners are informed, the said town of Plymouth will have one line of about two miles in length more than their Charter gives them,—whereas in fact it appears that they should come to a point, & leave out the said line of two miles, whereby a very large tract of land is included, more than Plymouth Charter contains.

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray a day of hearing may be assigned them and that in the mean time the said town of Plymouth may be ordered not to make any assesments upon the poles and estates of the inhabitants within the Claim of the township of Cockermouth, until the boundaries of s^d^ Plymouth & Cockermouth shall be established by the General Court, and that your Excellency & Honors would be pleased to pass such further order thereon as you in your wisdom shall think fit—

And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

R: Cutts Shannon
Noah Worcester
John Hale
Edmund Shattuck
} Committee of the prop^ns^ of Cockermouth

June 10th 1785

[4-168]

It is agreed between the Com^tees^ of Cockermouth & Plymouth that the Petition concerning the boundarys shall be farther postponed to the next Session of the gen^l^ Court in Concord which may happen after the first wednesday of June next.

May 10th 1787.

S Livermore for Plym^o^

Saml Hobart
Noah Worcester
R: Cutts Shannon
} for Cockermouth

[For documents relative to foregoing, see Vol. XI, page 723.—Ed.]

[4-169] [*Petition for change of Name of Town.*]

State of Newhampshire Grafton ss

To the Honarabel the General Cort to be holden at Concord within and for said state on the first WednesDay of June Next

the petition of the Inhabetants of the town of Cockermouth in the County and State afore said Humbly Sheweth that whereas we the Inhabetants of S^d^ Town have for a Long time been Dissatisfied with the Name of Cockermouth being afixed to said Town these are therefore to in form your Honours that the Inhabetents of S^d^ town by there Legal meeting Did meet in town meeting in S^d^ Cockermouth on the Eleventh Day of march 1788 and by their unamus voice agree to and Voted to petition this Honourable Court to Change the Name of S^d^ town from that of Cockermouth to that of Danbury as by their Vote on s^d^ 11th Day of march may more fully appear these are therefore to

pray your Honours that by an act of your Honours the Name of s^d^ Cockermouth may be Vacated and that the Name of Danbury be affixed thereto and Known in Law as Such and your petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray

Signed by order of the town

Eb^r^ Kendell } Select
Wm Powers } men

Cockermouth may 30th 1788

[In H. of Rep., June 9, 1788, the petitioners were granted leave to bring in a bill.—ED.]

[4-170] [*Petition of Cockermouth People for a new Town, 1791.*]

His Excellency the President, The Hon. Senate & House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire in Genl Court convened.

The petition of us the Subscribers humbly sheweth, that the Southeasterly part of the Town of Cockermouth (by its natural formation is so situated that a connection with the Southwesterly part of Plymouth (in all matters) would render it exceedingly advantageous to us inhabitants of said Cockermouth.—Wherefore we pray that a certain part of said Cockermouth (beginning at the Southwesterly corner of the lot Number sixteen in the first range & first division in said Cockermouth thence running North thirty degrees East to Rumney line which makes about a mile in width) may be set off from said Cockermouth, annexed to and incorporated with that part of said Plymouth now petitioned for as a New Township—

And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

Cockermouth Dec^th^ 1791—

John Haselton	Samuel Haselton	Wm Cummings
Timothy Farley	Nath^ll^ Ball	Saml Phelps
Jaazariah Crosby	Abraham Parker	Ebenezer Wise

[4-170] [*Petition of Plymouth People for a New Town, 1791.*]

His Excellency the President, the Honble Senate & House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire in Genl Court convened

The petition of us the subscribers humbly sheweth, that by a late establishment of the boundaries of the Town of Plymouth

(of which we are Inhabitants) our connection with said Town of Plymouth is rendered exceeding difficult, as the road at present is new and in a great measure unoccupied, and the length of way from the principal part of us nearly six miles to the now Centre of said Plymouth. And further that the greater part of us have been at a great expence in settling a Gospel Minister & supporting the Gospel among ourselves without any assistance of the Town of Plymouth aforesaid, & having previously obtained approbation of the inhabitants of said Plymouth by a unanimous vote herewith inclosed and preferred to your Honors signifying that our desires may be fully gratified

Wherefore we pray, that such a part of said Plymouth as is expressed by metes and bounds in said vote herewith preferred by the bearer William Cummings may be set off & incorporated into a Township and that we the Inhabitants of the same may be invested with Town privileges in such way as your Honours in wisdom may Judge fit and we your Honours petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Plymouth Dec. 7th 1791

William Cummings	Evan Bartlett	Jerahmeel Bowers
Jonathan Morss	David Cheney	Josiah Hobart
Jonathan Bartlett	Ebenr Kendall	Ebenezer Kendall Junr
Uriah Pike	Simon Lovejoy	James Colburn
John W. Kendall	Jacob Kendall	
Samuel Hasalton	Benja Haselton	

Feb. 2d 1792 Serv'd the select men of Plymouth with a true Copy

per Wm Cumings

Feb. 18th 1792 the Petitioners comply'd with ye within order of Court by serving us with an attested Copy

Wm Cumings } Selectmen of sd Cockermouth for 1791

Edm Shattuck
Sam Goodhue Jr } Selectmen for sd Cockermouth for 1792

March 1792

[The foregoing petitions were granted, and the portions of the two towns asked for were set off and incorporated into the town of Hebron.—Ed.]

[4-171] [*Capt. Edmund Shattuck's Resignation, 1791.*]

To His Excellency the President of the State of New Hampshire—

The request of your Petitioner humbly sheweth that for many years even from infancy of the Town of Cockermouth, he has born a large Share of the hardships not only of settling a new Town, but has for considerable time Sustained the Trust of Capt of the Company of militia in sd Cockermouth and inasmuch as he is in advanced age prays that he may be releas'd from military exercises & your Excellency's Petitioner as in duty bound ever prayeth—

Cockermouth Jany 5th 1791—

Edm Shattuck Capt

[4-172] [*Petition to have the Name of the Town changed to Groton, 1796.*]

The Honble Senate & house of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in Genl Court convened

The Petition of us the Subscribers humbly sheweth That, Whereas the Inhabitants of the Town of Cockermouth at a late Town Meeting unanimously manifested their Desire that the Name of said Town of Cockermouth might be altered and another Name for said Town Substituted in Stead therof—

Wherefore we pray that your Honours would gratify the Inhabitants of said Cockermouth and order by act of the Honl Genl Court that said Town be Called *Groton*—This your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Cockermouth Nov. 24th 1796

Edm Shattuck } Selectmen
David Hale } of sd Cockermh

[The foregoing petition was granted by an act passed December 7, 1796.—Ed.]

HAMPSTEAD.

Previous to the establishment of the line between this state and Massachusetts, the territory comprising this town was considered as parts of Haverhill and Amesbury, and went by the name of Timberlane.

Settlements were made in 1728.

The town was incorporated by the government of New Hampshire January 19, 1749, and named by Governor Wentworth from a town in England.

A dispute arose, about the year 1757, between the proprietors of the town and some Kingston parties, who claimed land under a grant from Massachusetts, which created considerable bitterness, but was finally settled by the payment of £3,000 old tenor, amounting to £150 lawful money, by the town of Hampstead, and the procuring of a grant from the governor of a township, from which land enough was transferred to the Kingston parties to satisfy them. It is said that men from both sides went to the township thus granted (situated in what is now Sullivan county) with bitterness in their hearts, but came to an amicable settlement, shook hands, and parted in UNITY, and named the town in commemoration of the happy event.

By an act passed June 23, 1859, a portion of Atkinson was annexed to this town.

June 28, 1877, a small tract of land was severed from Hampstead, and annexed to Danville.

Among the noted early inhabitants of the town was Richard Hazzen, a graduate of Harvard college in 1717. He was a surveyor, and in March and April, 1741, surveyed the line between New Hampshire and Massachusetts, from the south-east corner of the present town of Pelham to Connecticut river. He died in 1754.

Hon. John Calfe, born June 13, 1741, was judge of the court of common pleas for twenty-five years, and for the same number of years clerk of the house of representatives. He died October 30, 1808.

[5-1] [*Assessment of Rates, about 1764.*]

An assessment on the Lands Possessed By those Persons whose names are under written; assess^t By Vartue of a vote of the free holders of the Town of Hampstead: in order to Settle the Long & unhappy Despute that has Subsisted between the Said freeholders of Hampstead that Settled under Haverhill & Amesbury Title; and the Proprietors of Kingstown or Clamers under them:

John Atwood,	Joseph Brown,	Thos Crawford,
Sam^ll Brown,	John Calfe,	Eben^r Copp,

Joshua Bayley,
John Chase,
Asa Currier,
Dr. Peter Eastman,
Joseph French, Jun.,
Willm George,
Reuben Harriman,
David Hadley,
En. Willm Heath,
John Harriman,
Capt. John Hazen,
Stephen Johnson,
Charles Johnson,
Daniel Johnson,
John Kent,
Eben Kezar,
Samll Little, Esq.,
Stephen Little,
Moses Little, Jun.,
Enoch Little,
John Mills,
Lieut Peter Morss,
Joseph Noyce,
John Plumer,
Wid. Merebah Roberds,
Benjn Stevens,
Samll Stevens,
Daniel Stevens,
Joseph Sawyer,
Jesse Turriel,
John Webster, Esq.,
Wid. Mehel Worthen,
Dinah Roberson,
John Bartlet,
Wid. Sarah Clark,
Josiah Davis,
Caleb Emerson,
John French,
Capt. Ebenr Hale,
Bartholw Heath,
Wid. Judith Hadley,
Willm Heath, Jun.,
Benjn Heath,
Heirs of Richard Hazen, Jun.,
Samll Johnson,
Caleb Johnson,
Dr. Benjn Kimball,
Wid. Kimball,
Ebenr Kezar for his wife,
Joseph Little,
Moses Little,
Clerk Benjn Little,
Lieut Willm Moulton,
Abel Merril,
Hannah Moors,
Wid. Judith Plumer,
Joseph Pilsbury,
Otho Stevens,
Dcr Wait Stevens,
Levi Stevens,
Joshua Sawyer,
Enoch Sawyer,
Wid. Sant clear,
Thos Williams,
Abner Sawyer,
Dr. John Bond,
Stephen Bayley,
Lieut. Benjn Emerson,
Dr. Joseph French,
Nathan Goodwin,
Capt. Hezekiah Hutchens,
Joseph Hadley,
Nathll Heath,
Willm Hunt,
Benjn Hale,
Wid. Sarah Hazen,
En. Jesse Johnson,
Zech. Johnson,
Moses Kimball,
John Kezar,
Daniel Little, Esqr,
Joseph Little,
Capt. Moses Little,
Benjn Little,
John Muzzey,
Capt. Willm Marshell,
John Merriel,
Benjn Pilsbury,
Job Rowel,
Willm Stevens,
Arch. Stevens,
Wid. Anna Stevens,
Edmund Sawyer,
the Revd Mr Henry True,
Willm Richardson,
Thos Wadley,
Joshua Copp,

John Muzzey
Edmund Morss } Committee
John Mills

[5-2]

Province of
New Hamshire } At a meeting held at Timber lane on the 13th of July Instant it was voated that Mr Richard Hazzen & Daniel Little Esqr and mr John Webster be a Committee to prefer a petition to the Govenor and Council of said Province to see if that Honable Court in their wisdom will

Incorporate Timber lane and Almsbury peak into a Parish or Township

George Little Junr
Timber lane Clerk

[5-3] [*Petition for an Incorporation of the Town, 1746.*]

To his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Governor and Commander in Chief in and Over his majesties Province of New Hampshire the Hon^{rble} his majesties Councill July 29th 1746.

The petition of the Subscribers for themselves & in behalf of Sundry others to the number of About one hundred who live in that part of Haverhill District Commonly called Timberlane together with that part of South Hampton District which is usually called Almsbury Peak.

Humbly Sheweth That the Lands whereon your petitioners Dwell as herein described and bounded & containing near a five miles Square viz. Begining at the Southeasterly corner of the farm commonly called Tyngs farm: thence runing Northwesterly by Said farm till it comes to Belknaps Land, So takeing in Belknaps Land & Richard Heaths Land, thence runing by Land of Lieu^{t} Caleb Page till it comes to Land of Richard Hazzen, thence running betwixt said Hazzens Land & Clements Land till it comes to the Islandy pond, thence to the Southeast corner of Edward Flynts Land, including the Great Island in s^{d} pond, thence running by Flynts farm and takeing in the same till it comes to Stevens Land, and by Land of Nehemiah Stevens Northeasterly to ye Twelve rod way, thence to ye Southwesterly angle of Sleepers fifth Division Lott, thence Northeast to a line Northwest from Holts Rock, & from thence to ye mouth of ye Angly pond so called, thence Southeast till it comes to ye Northeast Corner of Woodbridges farm thence Northwesterly by Said farm till it comes to ye way Leading from Capt Follingsbees to ye Angly pond, from thence to North East Corner of Obadiah Ayers fifth Division Lott thence Southwesterly by Said Lott to the Twelve rod way, thence to ye Northwest Corner of Lieu^{t} Hales Land & by his Land to ye Southwest Corner of it, thence to ye Northeast Corner of Tyngs farm & by S^{d} farm to ye first bounds are very Suitable & Commodious for a Town or parish and that we who inhabit said Lands are so compactly situated, & by the blessing of God have made such Improvements as that they are now able to support a Gospell Minister amongst ourselves. We would further Humbly Suggest to your Excellency and Honours that most of us now Live far from ye public worship of God (unless

when carried on amongst our Selves) that we cannot possibly attend upon it without the utmost difficulty & hazzard. We therefore earnestly request your Excellency & Honours to Compasionate our Circumstances & incorporate us into a Township with ye powers & priviledges that other Towns in ye Province have, or that you will at least invest us with power to tax ye people to support ye Gospell amongst ourselves as to your Excellency & Honours shall seem best for us, & for your Excellency & Honours. Your humble petitioners as in duty bound shall every pray.

Daniel Little	John Muzzey	Jeremiah Eatton
Benjamin Heath	John Johnson	caleb heath
Benjamin Stevens	William Hancock	Hugh Tallant
Moses Gile	Lemuel Tucker	Ebenezer Johnson
Ebenr Gile	JohnATen Gile	Richard Hazzen
Moses Copp	Stephen Johnson	George Little Junr
Otho Stevens	David Copp	Peter Easman
benjamin kimball	Stephen Johnson Jur	Benjamin Eatton
Nathaniell Heath	Peter Morss	John Webster
Samuel Plummer	John Plummer	Abner Sawyer
Thomas Clark	Edmund Sawyer	amos Clark
Benjamin hadley	rechard goodell	Bartholomew heath
Thomas Williams	Henry Trusell	Joseph Hadly
Jonathan Hunt	Jonathan Stevens	

[In answer to this the town was incorporated by the governor and council Jan. 19, 1749, and named Hampstead, from a town in England, near London.—Ed.]

[5-4] [*Committee to prosecute the foregoing Petition, 1748.*]

At a Meeting held Jan. ye 11th 1747/8 at the House of John Bond By a Society of the West end of Kingston John Hogg & James Graves were Chosen a Committee to Prosecute a Petition said Society have now in Court.

John Bond Clerk
for s^d Society

Copia vera

[5-5] [*Request relative to foregoing Petition, 1749.*]

Kingst^o July 17th 1749

May it Please your Excellency & Hon^rs

It is the desire of us the Subscribers that if our Petition according as we were Sett of by Kingston should not be granted

and your Excellencie & Hon^{rs} See Cause to Establish Timberlane that we may be established with them and that the North Line may include the Farm that was formerly Sam^{el} Graves Deceas'd & the west Line may be the agreement Line between Kingston & Londonderry

John Hogg
James Graves
John Bond
Edman Easman

[5–6] [*Committee to defend Kingston Lawsuits, 1768.*]

Hampstead August 22nd 1758

At a Leagal Town meeting held this Day Persuant to a warrant from the select men of this town the following things were voted,

1st Voted to Chuse a Committee to Defend and Carry on to final Judgement and Execution the Case alredy Commenced against Some Persons in this town by Kingstown in Respect of Land title or any Person in this town that may be sued, By Kingstown in Respect to Land title upon the Cost and Charge of the freeholders of this Town—every one to Pay his Proportion according to the value of his Land Calling it as wild or unimproved Land

2nd Voted that those Persons that Settled under Kingstown title are free^{d} and Excluded from Paying any Part of the above Said Cost & Charge.

The Committee Chosen to Carry on any Case in Law against Kingstown are Lieut Peter Morss Nath^{ll} Heath John Webster John Muzzey and Eben^{r} Gile.

Hampstead October 24th 1768

A True Copy

Peter Eastman } Town Clerk

[5–7] [*Votes in Town Meeting relative to Kingston Claims, 1760.*]

Hampstead Septr 1st 1760

This Day a meeting is Held Pursuant to a warrant from the Select men of this Town and the following things were voted (viz)

1st Voted to Give twelve Hundred Pounds old tenor to Kingstown Proprietors for a Settlement with them in Respect of their Claims, in this Town.

2nd Voted to free those Persons that Settled under Kingstown Title from any Charge in Said agreement with Kingstown.

Hampstead Septr 19th 1760

At a meeting held this Day Persuant to an Adjournment of the above meeting the Town Voted to Give the Proprietors of Kingstown three thousand Pounds old tenor to Quit their Claims to all the Lands in this town that was settled under Haverhill & Amsbury title. Voted Likewise to bare half the Charges in Gitting a Grant of the new township which was Propos^{d} to them.

Hampstead October 24th 1768

A True Copy

Peter Eastman } Town Clerk

[5–8] [*Votes of Town relative to Kingston Claims, 1767.*]

Hampstead February 9th 1767

at a leagal Meeting held this Day (by the free holders of Hampstead that Settled under Haverhill & amesbury Title) by vartue of a warrant from the select men of this Town The following things, were Voted, (viz)

John Webster Moderator

John Muzzey Chosen Clerk for Said meeting

This meeting is adjourn^{d} to monday the 23^{d} of this instant febr^{y} at one oClock in the after noon.

Febr^{y} 23^{d} at the adjournment of the above said meeting it was voted as followeth

1 voted to Raise the three thousand Pounds old tenor formerly voted to Give to Kingstown Clamers, of Land in Hampstead for their Claims, in said Hampstead: Providing they Give us, the Deed already signed by a number of said Clamers: and Likewise Give sufficient Bonds to Defend us against any that may hereafter Chalenge Land in Hampstead under a Kingstown Clame.

2^{ly} voted that John Muzzey Leiut Edmond Morss and John Mills be a Committee to Take a valueation of the Land in Hampstead belonging to the above said freeholders: and assess the above Said money and for Defraying the Charges of the Settlement with Kingstown

March 21st 1768 A True Coppy

John Muzzey } Clerk for said meeting

[5–9] [*Committee appointed to settle with Kingston, 1767.*]

Hampstead Decr 8th 1767

At a Leagal meeting held this Day by the freeholders of

the Town of Hampstead, that settled under Haverhill and Almsbury title Pursuant to a warrant from the Select men of said Town the following votes were Past

1 voted that John Webster Esqr John Muzzey Benj^{a} Kimball & Jesse Johnson, Be a Committee to Give security (to Kingstown Clamers) for the three thousand Pounds old tenor that was formerly voted to Give them for their Claims in Hampstead.

2^{ly} voted that the above said Committee, shall apply to the General Court to be enabled to Colect the Rate that is allready assesst in order to Compleat the agreement with Kingstown Clamers.

A True Coppy of those Purticuler votes Exam^{d} & attested

John Muzzey Clerk.

[5–10] [*Relative to the Settlement of Kingston Dispute, 1768.*]

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Govenor and Commander in Chieff in and over His Majestys Province of New Hampshire & to the Hon^{le} his Majestys Councel and House of Representatives Convean^{d} in General assembly for Said Province—

The Petition of us the Subscribers in behalf of the freeholders of the Town of Hampstead Humbly Sheweth That Where as there has Been an unhappy Dispute Long Subsisting Between the freeholders of the Town of Hampstead (who hold their Lands in said Hamps^{d} under the ancient Grants of Haverhill & Almsbury) and the Proprietors of Kingstown and others Claming under them: Respecting the title of Land within said Hampstead: and to Settle this unhappy Debate; the said freeholders of Hampstead have Past a vote to Give the agriev^{d} Party Claming said Land under Kingstown the sum of three thousand Pounds old tenor Equal to one Hundred & fifty Pounds Lawfull money; and Likewise to be at one half the Charge of Gitting a Tonship Granted in order to Give to the Said agriev^{d} Party for their Clames in Hamps^{d} and it hath Pleas^{d} His Excellency our former Govenor to Grant a Township by the name of Unity; that there might be an ammicable Settlement made between the Contending Parties; Now the agreiv^{d} Party Claming under Kingstown has Recc^{d} a Deed of the Township of Unity from the Grantees of it and have taken the same in Part of the above said Settlement, and now the one Hundred & fifty Pounds yet Remains to be Paid to Compleat the agreement; and although the money be assess^{d} for the Payment of the above said sum and for Defraying the Charges; agreeable to a vote of said

freeholders, yet we suppose that we have not Power to Colect the same or any ones Purportion that Refuses to Pay it; which there is maney; Some have farms or tracts of Land in said Hampstead and Live out of this Province; and others are Late Purchessers and are unwilling to Pay their Purportion unless they Can Come Back upon their Warrantees, for Damage as being an incumbrance upon the Land when they Bought it. So that we Labour under a Great Difficulty and Cannot finish the agreement. Therefore the Prayer of your Petitioners, is that your Excellency and Honnours would be Pleased to Take our unhappy Case under your Wise Consideration and Grant us Power to Colect the above said assessment as in your Wisdom Shall be thought most Proper. So that these unhappy Disputes which have subsisted above thirty years may be brought to a final and Happy End.

And your Hum^le^ Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray.

Dated at Hampstead February 3^d^ 1768

John Webster
John Muzzey
Ben^in^ Kimball
Nath^el^ Heath
Jesse Johnson.

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 24, 1769, voted that the petitioners have liberty to bring in a bill to enable them to collect said assessment.—ED.]

[R. 2-40] [*Elijah Heath's Account, 1760.*]

Province of New Hampshire, Hampstead January 21st 1760: I the subscriber namely Elijah Heath being a souldier in Col^o^ Lovewel Rigement under Capt Todd; and as I was going to osswago I lost my Gunn going over the fauls it fell out of a batto

Elijah Heath

Sworn to before Daniel Little, Dismissed.

[R. 2-41] [*William Heath, Jr., Soldier, 1760.*]

[William Heath, Jr., in a petition dated Hampstead, Jan. 18, 1760. says he was "a soldier under Capt. John Hazzen in Col^o^ Harts Rigiment," that he had his gun stolen coming home, and wants pay for it. His petition was "dismissed." —ED.]

[R. 2-42] [*Benjamin Morse, Soldier, 1762.*]

[In a petition addressed to the governor and assembly, Jan. 4, 1763, Peter Morss, of Hampstead, says, "Your Petitioner had a Son a Minor in the service of this Province in Col° John Goff's Regiment & Capt John Hazzens Company in the year 1762 at Crown Point;" that his said son was taken sick on the way home at the house of Alexander Robbe in Peterborough. He presented a bill for care and expense of getting him home, amounting to £34, 12, 0—and was allowed eight shillings and six pence sterling.—ED.]

[R. 2-43] [*John Sawyer, Soldier of the Rhode Island Expedition.*]

[John Sawyer, of Hampstead, states that he was a volunteer in Capt. Jesse Page's company, Col. Gale's regiment, in the Rhode Island expedition, and had his horse stolen from him, and wants the state to pay 13 pounds 10 shillings. He was allowed $45, Nov. 17, 1778.—ED.]

[R. 2-44] [*John Eaton's Petition, Soldier, 1780.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To the Honourable the Council & house of Representatives for said State in General assembly convened Novr 8th 1780.

The Petition of John Eaton of Hampstead in said state Humbly Sheweth—That your Petitioner engaged in the service of the United States in Novr 1776 as an Ensign in Capt. Benjamin Stones Company in ye 3^d New Hampsh^r Battalion and continued in said Service until August 1778, when the circumstances of your Petitioners family was such that he was induced to ask Liberty to Resign, which was granted and a Discharge obtained, Dated Augt 2^d 1778, as will appear by said Discharge—

Wherefore your Petitioner prays that he may be allowed Depreciation for the Time he was in said Service equal with others of like Rank.

John Calfe in behalf said Petitioner.

[He produced a discharge, signed "General Headquar-

ters August 2d 1778, by order of his Excellency the Comr in Chief

John Fitzgerald
V Aide de Camp."—Ed.]

[5-11] [*Petition to be classed for Representative, 1785.*]

State of Newhampre } To the Honble the General Court for Said State convened at Concord octor 19th 1785—

Humbly Shews the Subscribers inhabitants of the Town of Hampstead: That the General Court for Said State in the year 1783 in Classing the Several Towns that were not constitutionally entitled to a Representative Left the Town of Hampstead unclassed which has occasioned our not being Represented under the new Constitution, and your Petitioners esteeming it a great priveledge to be Represeted in the Gineral Court, but not wishing to add to the public expences by adding to the number of Representatives and being informed by some of the Inhabitants of plastow & Atkinson that they are willing that Hampstead should be Classed with them Therefore pray that your Honours would appoint a day of hearing on this our Petition and Call on the Towns of Plastow and atkinson to shew Cause, if any they have why the said three Towns may not be made one Class for Representation —— ——

and your Petitioners as bound shall pray.

Abner Rogers	Timothy Goodwin	Joseph Webster
Edward Greeley	John Harriman	Daniel Little
Micajh Little	Caleb Webster	John Brown
Jonathan Little	Amos Clark	Levi Hildreth
David Dexter	John Richardson	Joseph Noyes
Ebnzer Coops	William Richardson	Hezeh Hutchins
Noah Johnson	Eliphalet Davis	
Abner Sawyer	Ephraim Hutchins	

[5-12]

[Another petition of the same tenor and date contains the following names:—Ed.]

James Brown	Samuel Brown	John kimball
Joseph Chandler	John True	Jesse Johnson
John Bond	Moses Little	Jno Wiear
John Gooden	John Adams	Thomas emery
Austen George	David Poor	Joshua H. Noyes

Samnel Johnson Juner	Samuel Johnson	Jonathan Carlton
Samuel Little	Amos mills	Joseph french
Thomas Wadley	moses Brown	David Moulton
James Huse	Timothy Stevens	Moses Atwood
James Atwood	Andrew Bryant	Robard Darling
Benjamin Tuxbury	Joseph Johnson	Jacob Currier
Edmund Eastman	Joshua Eastman	James Shepard
Ezekiel Currier	John Atwood Jun	Thomas Muzzey
Jona. R. Hale	John Eaton	
	Job Kent	

[5-13]

[Still another bears the following names :—Ed.]

Samuel Johnson	William Griffin	Edmund Morss
Nehemiah Kelley	Thomas Emery	Moses Emery
John Brickett	John Richardson	Walter Little
Thomas Wadley	Reuben Harriman	Moses Richardson
Isaac Heath	Jabez Hart Jun	Joseph Noyes Jun
Moses Morss	Joseph Currier	William Moulton
Samuel Currier	Henry Johnson	Joseph Chase
Jonathan Eastman	Jonathan George	Benjamin Kimball
Jesse Heath	Samuel Currier Jun	Abraham Johnson
Thomas Williams	Joseph French Ju	Barthol^{w} Heath
John Calfe	John Williams	Peter Morss

[The town of Atkinson opposed the foregoing petition—see Vol. XI, page 132. Hampstead petitioned the next year for the privilege of sending one by themselves, which was granted.—Ed.]

[5-14] [*Petition relative to Paper Money, etc., 1786.*]

State of New Hampshire } To the Honb^{l} General Court for said state to be conveaned at Concord on the first Wednesday of June Instant—

Humbly Shews

The subscribers Inhabitants of the Town Hampstead in the County of Rockingham in said state that your petitioners Labour under many & very great Difficulties on account of the great scarcity of a Circulating medium of trade also great uneasiness has arisen in the minds of your petitioners and many others on account of a Claim Lately made to the uncultivated Lands within this state and as Your Honours are the guardieans

of the Rights and priviledges of the people and as we have no other regular way of redress that your Honours would take our case under your wise Consideration and grant us releaf by acting on the following particulars

1st ly that yould not allow those persons purchesers of the Allen Claim so called any part of their Claim within this state

2d ly that not any of those persons that are purchesors of said Allens Claim hold any Commision of profit or Honour within this state for the space of one year

3d ly that the General Court take up the matter Respecting the Masionan title to certain Lands in this state which we think their title is not Good and that those Lands Claimed by them be Converted to the use of said state.

4th ly that there might be a Bank of paper money made to Redeem this states security

5ly that the General Court petition Congress to Redeem the Continental paper Currency that is in the treasury in this state the same being more than our proportion of the same.

6ly that the ports & Harbours in this state be opened and a free trade for all Except Refugees.

Hampstead June 1st 1786—

Joseph French	Amos Clark	Job Kent
Joseph Conner	Bartholomew Heath	moses Brown
John Leach	Jesse Heath	Reuben harriman
Austein George	Thomas williams	David Dexter
Jonas R. Hale	Joshua Corliss	Joseph Noyes
Benin Kimball	John Harriman Jur	John Richardson
isaac Kimball	John Atwod	Eliphalet Davis
Jonathan Eastman	James Atwood	moses Richardson
Joseph Kimball	David Moulton	H. Hutchins
Peter Eastman	James Huse	Joseph merrick
John Kimball	Timothy Stevens	Jonathan Little
John Eaton	Beniamin Tuxbury	William Richardson
Samuel Kelley	Joseph Johnson	Ebenezer Copp
John Colby	Joseph French ju	Parker Stevens
Joshua H. Noyes	moses Atwood	Ezekiel Currier
Samuel Johnson	David Poor	Peter morse
Nehemiah Kelley	John Darling	Watts Emerson
Samuel Johnson Jun	John Atwood	Benjamen Emerson
Timothy Goodwin	Andrew Grant	Jno Wiear
John Harriman	Willim moulton	
John Brown	Moses Wadley	

[For legislative action on the paper money question, see Atkinson Papers, Vol. XI.—Ed.]

[5-15] [*Relative to Revolutionary Matters.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Hon[l] the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened—

The Petition and Memorial of the Inhabitants of Hampstead in said state to your Honours respectfully sheweth—That early in the late war with great Britain your Memorialists not only willing to comply with every requisition of the Honb[l] Legislature, but anxious to have their quota of men in the field, gave to several persons considerable sums of money over and above what the public promised as an inducement to engage in the defence of the Country—amongst others they hired one Bradley Richards to serve three years in the Continental army and paid him therefor Thirty pounds besides promising to take care of and supply his family in his absence which they did to the amount of upwards of twelve pounds more than he left money with them to make provision with—That before said term expired the Army Petitioned the General Court to have the depreciation of the then paper currency made up to them which said Court agreed to do on the following conditions, namely, that all supplies Gratuities Town Bounties &c should be allowed in part satisfaction for the depreciation and accordingly ordered the Several Towns to charge the state with the Sums by them advanced as bounties or Supplies, as may be seen by a Resolve of the Legislature of the 26th of March 1779 in order that each Town in the state might bear an equal proportion according to their proportioned value and also to reward the volunteer in as full and ample a manner as the hired Soldier—That in consequence of the method pursued by the Legislature there was with-held from the said Bradley Richards the Sum of forty two pounds and upwards of the depreciation that would have been his due had not the Town paid him said Sum—That afterwards (to wit) Jan. 16th 1782 an Act passed the Legislature which entitled the Several Towns to receive the Sums by them advanced—That the said Richards has now brought an Action against your Memorialists for said Sum of forty two pounds and upwards for money had and received which if he should recover it would open a door by which every Soldier Similarly circumstanced might recover what has been stopped out of their depreciation on account of the Sums to them severally advanced by Towns and Individuals which would intirely frustrate the righteous design of the Legislature and leave the burden upon such Towns as were foremost in the cause while Towns that did not exert themselves nor procure any Soldiers

but such as enlisted for the public bounties only would go free of any part of said burden.

Your Memorialists taking the matter into consideration & knowing that hundreds if not thousands, of Actions might be commenced on the same footing which might occasion much uneasiness in the state and also knowing that Several persons have been busy in procuring at small expence powers to recover said sums thus deducted from the soldiers depreciation, thought fit to state the matter to your Honours, not knowing, but that you in your wisdom would think proper to interpose so far as to point out some method of relief whereby your Petitioners and others in Similar circumstances may be saved harmless, or point out such remedy as to your Honours shall appear most agreable for which Interposition of your Honours, your Petitioners at this time pray &c

John Hogg
in behalf of said Inhabitants

[5-18] [*Petition for a Magistrate, 1788.*]

To his Excellency the President the Honble the Council of the state of New Hampshire—

The petition of the subscribers freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Hampstead in said State in behalf of themselves & others Humbly shew

That the Honble John Calfe of said Hampstead Esqr is the only person Commissioned as a Justice of the peace in said Town—that he is one of the Justices of the Court of common Please in the County of Rockingham and sustains other public offices & appointments in said state which Occasions his being absent from said Town a great part of the Time By means whereof the good People in said Town & the vicinity thereof often labour under great difficulties & embarrasments in transacting their business, for want of some other suitable person being appointed to the office of Justice of the peace in said Town—That the subscribers are fully sensible it is not their Constitutional right to nominate or appoint a person to that office yet they entertain Such an opinion of the Candor & good intention of your Excellency & Honours that it is only necessary for you to be made acquainted with the wishes and real interest of the Citizens of this state to ensure your favorable attention—The subscribers therefore take the liberty to mention as their opinion that Major Edmund Moores, of said Hampstead is a Gentleman well quallified for the office of Justice of the peace, and would give great satisfaction to the most reputable

part of his acquaintance and would render service to the people in this vicinity & do honor to himself & those that should appoint him—much might be said in favor of this Gentlemans quallifications and Character in life & respecting the services he has rendered his Country in the day of tribulation but as the subscribers have already trespassed on the patience of your Excell^{y} & Hon^{rs}—

Therefore only beg leave to request that the said Edmund Moores may be appointed & Commissioned a Justice of the peace for the County of Rockingham and as in duty Bound will Pray

Hampstead May 9th 1788

we also pray that Thomas Muzzey
who we hear is Petition^{d} for may not
be appointed a Justice of the peace

Hez^{h} Hutchins	John True	John Richardson
Samuel Brown	Daniel Little	Watts Emerson
Ebez^{r} Copp	Micajah Little	Abner Rogers
David Dexter	Thomas Emery	Job Kent
Moses Little	Jabez Hoit	Beniamin Tuxbury
Thomas Reed	Samuel Little	Nathan Hadley
John Brown	David Poor	Joseph merrick
Nathan Goodwin	Austein George	Joseph Noyes
Caleb Adams	Joseph French	Joseph Noyes Jun
moses Richardson	Timothy Goodwin	Amos Howard
John Atwod	William Richardson	Samuel Kelley
John Kimball	James Huse	
Nehemiah Kelly	Joshua H. Noyes	

[5–19] [*Certificate of Nails made, 1791.*]

State of New Hamp^{re} } To his Excellency Josiah Bartlett Esqr
Rockingham ss. } President of the State of New Hamp^{re}

These certify that James Shepherd of Hampstead has made it to appear to us the Subscribers that he has bona fide made and caused to be made one hundred thousand of Six penny nails in his work shop in said Town since the Certificate given in his favour the last year—

W^{m} marshall }
Thos Muzzey } Selectmen for Hampstead
John True }

Hampstead June 27th 1791.

John Calfe Jus^{t} Peace

[5-20] [*Certificate of Nails made, 1792.*]

These certify that Dudley Kimbal of Hampstead has made and caused to be made in his work Shop one hundred Thousand of six penny wrought Nails, as he has made appear to us the Subscribers

attest Wm marshall } Selectmen
John True }

Hampstead February 6th 1792

Attest Thos Muzzey Justt Peace

To his Excellency
Josiah Bartlett Esqr President
of New Hampshire.

[5-21]

These Certify that James Shepherd of Hampstead has made and caused to be made in his work shop in said Town one hundred thousand of four penny wrought nails, as he has made appear to us, the Subscribers since he obtained a former Certificate from the select men of Hampstead for making nails—

Hampstead Jan 17th 1792

Attest Wm marshall } Selectmen
Thos Muzzey } for 1791
John True }

Attest John Calfe Justt Peace

To his Excellency
Josiah Bartlett Esqr President
of New Hampshire.

[5-22]

This Certifies that Edmond Morss of Hampstead has Made and caused to be made in his work Shop Two hundred thousand of Ten penny Nails & Two hundred Thousand of Six Penny Nails and one hundred Thousand of four penny wrought Nails, as he has made to appear to us the Subscribers

Hampstead February 6th 1792

Attest Wm marshall } Selectmen
John True }

Attest Thos Muzzey Just. Peace

To his Excellency Josiah Bartlett Esqr
President of the state of New Hampshire

HAMPTON.

This is one of the oldest towns in the state, and originally included the territory which now constitutes the towns of Hampton Falls, North Hampton, Kensington, and Seabrook. It was formerly a place of considerable importance in the fishery business and in ship-building, and for some years past its beaches have been much resorted to in summer by persons seeking health or pleasure. Settlements were made as early as 1638, the place at that time being called Winnicumet. The present name was given by the general court of Massachusetts in 1639. It was "allowed to be a town and hath power to choose a constable and other officers," June 6, 1639, by the government of Massachusetts, which claimed jurisdiction over it.

Considerable matter relative to the early history of Hampton may be found in Vol. I of this series.

The south part of the township petitioned, in December, 1709, for parish privileges, which not being granted they petitioned again in May, 1710, and were virtually successful, so far as related to ministerial purposes. (Vol. III, p. 428.)

North Hill parish was set off November 17, 1738, and incorporated into the town of North Hampton November 26, 1742.

Considerable dispute arose at sundry times relative to boundary lines between this and other towns, and documents concerning the matter may be found in a volume entitled "Town Boundaries" in the office of the secretary of state.

[4-173] [*Depositions relating to Boundary Line between Hampton and Portsmouth, 1669.*]

The deposition of Thomas Marston aged about 52 years & of william ffifeild aged about 55 years

These Depon^{ts} do testifie y^{t} about ye yeare 1654 when m^{r} Seth ffletcher lived in Hampton wee ye s^{d} depon^{ts} were appointed to treat with Capt Bryan Pendleton & John Pickerin in ye behalfe of ye towne of Portsmouth concerning ye setling of ye bounds betwixt Hampton & Portsmouth by ye Sea side & wee ye s^{d} depon^{ts} mett ye men abovsd & shewed them ye power

y^{t} wee had to act by & they shewed us their power wch was full & ample for ye ends abovsd; but ye s^{d} Capt Pendleton & John Pickerin sen^{r} did question ye power given to us by ye town of Hampton not to bee suffitient for ye attaining all ye ends intended, whereupon ye s^{d} Capt Pendleton & John Pickerin staid att Hampton untill wee obtained a meeting of ye Select men & had full power to act in ye behalfe of ye towne of Hampton & then wee ye s^{d} Tho: Marston & william ffifeild did treat wth ye s^{d} Capt Pendleton & John Pickerin & after a treaty wee did agree, & conclude & all hands y^{t} Hampton bounds should begin to measure to ye northward of ye Casway y^{t} goeth over to ye beache & from miles norward neare ye sea side—

Testified upon oath by Thomas Marston & Willi: ffifeild ye ninth of March 1669 before mee Sam^{ll} Dalfon Commiss

Sworn before ye Court held at Salisbury ye 29th of Aprill 1673 by adjornm^{t}

vera Copia per mee Tho: Bradbury rec^{d}
as attests Tho: Bradbury rec^{d}

And Thomas Marston & John Samborn sen^{r} doe farther testifie that ye next day after ye agreem^{t} that ye s^{d} line was measured, by Capt Pendleton & Tho: Marston & John Samborne, & ye s^{d} line ended on ye north Side of Jocelins Neck where wee sett up a stake & layd stones & finished ye s^{d} bounds according to ye agreem^{t} under there hands

Testified upon oath ye 9th 1st m^{o} 1669 before mee

Sam^{ll} Dalton Comissr

Sworn before ye Court held att Salisbury ye 29th Aprill; 1673 by Adjournment as attested

This is a true as attested Tho: Bradbury rec^{d}

[The original manuscript is torn, which is the cause of the blanks in the foregoing.—Ed.]

[4-174] [*Agreement relative to Boundary between Hampton and Portsmouth.*]

Wee whose names are under written Viz Bryan Pendleton & John Pickering for ye towne of Portsmouth N. E. &c & Willi; ffifeild wth Tho: Marston for ye towne of Hampton have according to power given by ye severall towns to debate agree & determine about & concerning a line to divide between ye aforesaid towns upon ye Seaside & ye extent thereof.

Wee ye above named persons do consent & agree y^{t} ye afores^{d} town of Hampton shall begin at ye Cawsway lying Eastward

from ye said towne towards Pascataway ten rod distance from ye said Cawsway there to begin & runn five miles upon as direct a line as may bee, keeping neare unto ye common way: The wch line being runn ended on ye Edg of Jocelins neck on ye north side; the said neck is ye next to ye northward of ye long stony beach Bryan Pendleton

The marke of Jno (A) Pickering
Will: ffifeild
Tho: Marston

This is a true copie as it stands recorded in ye 1st Booke of records for Norfolke pa: (46) as attests

Tho: Bradbury rec

It was recorded as appears by ye booke between ye 12th m^o^ 1655 & ye 24th of ye said m^o^: Tho: Bradbury rec

The deposition of Major Bryan Pendleton aged about 70 years; This depon^t^ saith that hee with Jno Pickering was impowered by ye towne of Portsm^o^ (but whither by ye select men or ye whole towne hee doth not att present remember) to debate agree & determine, not as arbytrators, but being sent by ye town according to an act of ye gen^ll^ Court about & concerning a line to divide between ye afores^d^ towns upon ye seaside & ye extent thereof, & y^t^ ye above written was our determination & further saith [not]

Sworn ye 2^d^ 5th m^o^ 1669 before mee
Elais Stileman Commiss^r^

Entered & recorded in ye County records for Norfolke (lib: 2: pa 145) ye 16th 5 m^o^ 1669 as attests

Tho: Bradbury rec

[4-178] [*Election of Assemblymen, 1691.*]

According to a warrant by me Received from Richard Jose Esqr High Shereff for the province of New Hampshire for to convene the ffreholders together upon this day being the 27th of September 1692 to choose three ffitt and discrett men to serve as Assembly men the ffree holders mett accordingly and made choyce of

Left John Smith Mr Joseph Smith & John Hussy

to serve as assembly men according to sayd warrant

As Attests timothy hillyard
Constable of Hampton

[4-179] [*Vote relative to granting New Town, Kingston, 1694.*]

Att a legall meeting of the ffreholders of ye towne of Hampton May 17 1694

2^ly It was voted that Captn Henry Dow should goe to New Castell: the 18th of this instant month in the behalf of the towne to the Honorable left^nt Governor and Councell in obedience to an order Received barring date the 15th instant to manifest the towns earnest desire that no township may be granted to any persons to come within Seaven miles of Hampton meeting House westward upon a streight Line

Voted James Prescott Senior appearing at the meeting in the behalf of said petitioners did consent to this voat above.

vera copia taken out of Hampton Towne Booke

As Attest Henry Dow Clerk

[4-180] [*Disbursements for Soldiers, 1694.*]

Hampton Acc^tt Disbursm^ts 10^br 1694

To Souldiers at oysteriver whose wages as per perticular Acc^t allowed 4 m^o	470, 8, 0
allowed to Capt Dow for subsistance of Sould^rs at the Fort 3 b^bls Ind Corne	0, 9, 0
To horse & man to bring s^d Corne	0, 2, 0
Hen: Green Junr for ½ m^o service at his grandfath^r	0, 12, 0
To Jonathan Marston 2 days service Do,	0, 2, 0
To m^r Hen: Green Senr to subsistance of sold^r: 17: days	0, 6, 6
To Ephraim Marston going post from Hampton to Boston	0, 14, 0
To Jno Tuck for his horse for s^d Marston	0, 8, 0
To Danl Tilton for bringing letter to New Castle that came from Boston &C	0, 4, 0
To Capt Dow for quartering Massachusetts soul^d acc^t as one man 13 weeks ½ at 3^s per	2, 0, 6
To Capt Dow for a man & 2 horses for the Capt of the Massachusetts sould^rs to Portsm^o	0, 4, 0
	5, 2, 0

[4-181] [*Selectmen about a New Town, 1694.*]

Pursuant to an order from the Lieu^t Gove^r and Councill Baren datte the 11th of may 1694 to the Select men of Hampton

Consarning A purtishon presented to the Lieu^{t} Gover^{r} and Counsel Consarning the plantten of A new Planttaion And we the Select men are bound up by the Towne nayther to give A way Lande nor to Enter Change Lande with aney men therfor we the Select men cante doe nothen Consaren Lande with out the advice of the Towne

May 14th 1694

Samuel Dow by order and in the behalf of the Select men of Hampton

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[4–182] [*Election of Assemblymen, 1694.*]

Att a legall meeting of the ffreeholders of the Towne of Hampton the 29 october 1694.

left^{nt} John Smith Mr Nathaniel Batchiler Senior and Ens. Thomas Robey were chossen by the major voat ffor to Serve as Assembly men

as attest Ephraim marston
constable of hampton

[4–187 and 188]

[At a meeting held May 14, 1695, the foregoing three men were reëlected. December 24, 1697, Capt. Henry Dow, Lieut. John Smith, and Benjamin Fifield were elected.
"As Attests Thomas Robey Constable."—Ed.]

[4–191]

[December 26, 1698, Dow and Smith were reëlected, with Joseph Swett, as certified by Henry Dow, Ephraim Marston, John Tucke, and John Gove, selectmen.—Ed.]

[R. 2–33] [*Hampton Soldiers, 1695, 1696.*]

A true accompt of ye Soldiers & Provisions I have Impresd out of Hampton for his Majestys Servise at garison at oyster River Since Novemb^{r} 2nd 1695 until '96*

		£—*S.* *d*
Novembr 2	Sent to oyster River Caleb Perkins 28 days and John Nay 28 days and found themselfs provitions	3, 12, 0

*The year commenced in March, O. S.

Nov 30	Isaac Green 28 days & found provitions	1, 16, 0
	Eben Gove 28 days	1, 04, 0
Decembr 28th	Jonathan Philbrook 28 days	1, 04, 0
	Joseph Cram 28 days	1, 04, 0
Janury 25th	Chris Pottell 29 days	1, 04, 10
	Jacob Clifford 29 days	1, 04, 10
Februy 24	Samuel Hely 29 days	1, 04, 10
	Jos Fanning sent ye same day & Returned ye 28th being 3 days	0, 05, 0
March 23	Samll Shaw sent and sent whome ye 6th day	0, 05, 0
	Samll Melsher sent whome ye 6th	0, 05, 0
	a horse Impressed to carry ye Provison and a man	0, 03, 0
		13, 12, 06

Joseph Smith Capt.

This accoumpt Compared by me

John Woodman Capt.

Dated Aprl 7th 1696.

The accoumpt of what was ordered to Exeter since November 14: 1695 until 96

		£—S.—d
Novembr 14th	Nath ffrench 28 days & Timothy Hilyard 28 days	2, 8, 0
Decembr 12	Joshua Purington 28 days & John Mason 28 days	2, 08, 0
January 9th	Joseph Swet 28 days & Joseph fifield 28 days	2, 08, 0
Februry 6th	Moses Swet 29 days & Henry Dow 29 days	2, 09, 08
March 6th	James Stanyan 28 days & Willm Swain 28 days	2, 08, 0
Aprll 3d to ye 27	John French 4 days & Saml Case 4 days	0, 08, 0
		12, 09, 8

Jos: Smith Capt.

The above accoumpt Compared by me

Kinsley Hall Capt

	s d
a horse Impresed for ye Post from Hampton to New Castle bount to Pemiquid and a man to bring him back	3– 6.

Dated Aprl 7th 1696

[R. 2–34] [*Hampton Men in Garrison at Exeter, 1695, 1696.*]

A tru account of what is due to Hampton men for keeping garrison att Exeter ffrom the 14 of November last to the 8th of Aprill 1696

	£. S. d
To Tho. Dearborn Junor one month	1—4—0
To Caleb Towle one month	1—4—0
To Ephraim Marston and others one month	1—4—0
To William Lane and others one month	1—4—0
To Isaac Godfrey and others one month	1—4—0
To Samuell Dearborn and others one month	1—4—0
To Tho Ward and others one month	1—4—0
To John Knowls and others one month	1—4—0
To William Sambourn and others one month	1—4—0
To Jabez Dow and others one month	1—4—0
To Steven Sambourn and others one month	1—4—0
To Daniel Wedgewoods and other one month	1—4—0
To James ffog and others three weeks 2 day	1—0—0
To Ben Shaw and one more	0–12—0
To Sam[l] Palmer one month	1—4—0
To Simon Dow and others one month	1—4—0
To Jonathan Marston and other one month	1—4—0
To Ichabod Robey & Humprey Perkins a day apiece and sent home	0—3—0
To Robert Drake & others one month——	1—4—0
To Daniel Wedgwood & others one month	1—4—0
To Tho Robey 1 week diet his man	0—3—0
To two Samborns a day apiece sent home ffrom Richard Hiltons	0—3—0
Sum	22–09—0

This is a tru account compared By me

Kinsley Hall Capt

The Above is a tru account

Errors only Excepted By me

Henry Dow Cap[n]

Due to Hampton men ffor wages at Garrition att Oyster River and other disbursments ffrom November 1695 to Aprill 8th 1696—

	£ S d
Novr to John Marston Jo^{n} Redman Roger Shaw 2 ffrancis page Chris: Smith Sam Dearborn with their own provition each man 1 month	10–16–0
No: 2 to Sam^{ll} ffogg one month	1– 4–0
No^{br} 30 to Sam^{ll} Nudd with provition one month	1–16–0
No. 30 to Ebenezer Webster* James Senter Moses levitt peter Johnson Jonathan Elkins Sam^{ll} Johnson each man his month	7– 4–0
Dec^{br} 31 to John Taylor Isaac Webster James Moulton Ben James Ben Thomas Eben. Dearborn Moses Elkins each man his month	8– 8–0
January 27 to John Hobs ffor his man and James Senter each man a month	2– 8–0
24 february to Daniel Kincaid Thomas levitt Saml ffogg Saml Smith Nehemiah Hobs Joseph Moulton Roger Shaw each man a month	8– 8–0
24 March to Henry Dow ffor 143 pound pork ffor the sayd men att 3^{d} per pound	1–15–9
to Joseph Moulton when his month is out	1– 4–0
	43– 3–9

This account is owned by me

John Woodman Captn

24 february to a man & Hoss imprest to carry the said pork to oyster River Round by Exeter the way being bad	0– 5–0
January 27 to 4 men sent to oyster and sent home again being 3 days apece——	0–15–0
Mar 24 to five men sent to Oyster River and sent Home again 3 days apece	1– 5–0
	£44– 8–9
	22– 9–0
	£66–17–9

A true account Errors only Excepted

By me Henry Dow Captn

*Ebenezer Webster was a son of Thomas Webster, who died in Hampton in 1715, aged 83. He had a son Ebenezer, and a grandson by the same name, who was born in Kingston in 1739, and settled in Salisbury in 1763. The latter was one of "Rogers' Rangers," and was in the army in 1757 to 1759. He commanded a company at Bennington, and was the father of Ezekiel, born 1780, and Daniel, born 1782.

[R. 2-35] [*Hampton Soldiers, April to September, 1696.*]

Province of New Hampshire

Account of Soldiers Impresed to keep Garrison Since Apr[l] y[e] 7th 1696 untill Sep[r] y[e] 30th 1696 at oyster River Exeter and Hampton by warrant from me out of one of y[e] Companys in Hampton

1696

from Ap[l] 7 to Ap[l] 13	John ffrench & Sam[ll] Cass at M[r] Wiggoms at Exeter, to each 6 days, Kinsley hall Capt	£10-0
from Ap[l] 13 to May 11	Philemon Blake, John Chase, & Wil[m] Smith at oyster River 28 days to each	3-12-0
from May 11 to June 8	John Garland, Caleb Shaw, and Ben[n] Batcheldr, at oyster River 28 days to each	3-12-0
from June 8 to July 6	Richard Sanborn, Edw ffifield, & Josiah Shaw, at oyster River 28 days	3-12-0
from July 6 to August 3	Philip Towl, Sam[ll] Melser, & Joseph french to oyster River 28 days	3-12-0
from August 3 to August 31	Jacob Clifford at oyster River 28 days	1-4-0
from Ap[l] 13 to Septem[br] 30	Natt[l] Blacklidge Service two months Due to Joseph Smith O River as per Deventer from Cap[t] Woodman	2-8-0
	one man posted at Dan[l] Tiltons Garrison in Hampton being 6 months and 3 days	7-6-6
		25-16-6

1696

Account of Soldiers Impressed to Garrison from octobr y[e] first 1696 untill octobr y[e] 29th 1696

Octobr y[e] 1 to Octobr 29	Nath : ffrench and Thomas Stevens at Garrison at oyster River 28 day to each	£2-8-0
	Joseph ffaning & Benjamin Perkins at Dan[l] Tiltons Garrison in Hampton to each 28 days	2-8-0
		4-16-0

Errors Excepted

Joseph Smith Cap[t]

Portsm° Novemb^r 13th 1696

The within acco^t Examind & aproved by

Kinsley Hall	Henry Dow	of ye Comitty
John Woodman	John Tuttle	
Theodore Attkinson	Wm Redford	

[R. 2-36]

The Province indebted to thes persons for keeping of Garrition as Souldiers att Oyster River since ye 8th of Aprill last in 1696 due to Hampton men

[The following are allowed £1, 4 for one month, except where otherwise stated :—Ed.]

13 April Jonathan Elkins James Johnson peter Johnson francis page Caleb Towle Ben Thomas James Senter Samuel Son Tho. Dearborn Tho Dearborn Junor James Moulton

11 May Christopher Smith Ebenezer Webster Joseph Tayler Saml fogg Junr Samuel Palmer Jo^n Redman Stephen Batchilder Ben : James Moses Elkins

8 June Isaac Marston Samuel Smith Jonathan Moulton Tho levitt Roger Shaw Ebenezer Dearborn Samuel Johnson Jo^n Son Ens Moulton Jonathan Marston

6 July Samuel Nudd Peter Johnson Moses levitt Saml Son Tho Dearborn Tho Son John Dearborn James Senter Ben Thomas 5 weeks francis page Jonathan Elkins

3 August Ebenezer Webster James Moulton Samuel Palmer Ben James Joseph Tayler Ichabod Robey John Redman Chris : Smith 26 days Saml Johnson 3 weeks

31 August Roger Shaw 31 days Caleb Towle Jonathan Moulton Tho levitt Jo^n Son Ens : Moulton Israil Smith Samuel Moulton

1st of october Samuel Colcord 10 days Ebenezer Dearborn 10 days Ensign John Moulton 8 days John Tuck 8 days Jonathan Marston 1 week John Redman 2 days

from 1st october to ye 29 Samuel ffog Junr 28 days James Souther Jonathan Elkins 8 days James Johnson 22 days

£70—2—0

A true account Errors only Excepted per me

Henry Dow Captn

This Account Is ound by me to be a trew Account

John Woodman Captn

[R. 2–36] [*New Hampshire to Hampton Men.*]

A tru account of what is due to thos persons the province of New Hampshire is indebted too since the 8th day of Aprill last for keeping garrition and subsistance of Souldiers 1696 October 29 Att Daniel Tiltons Garrition

Mepheboshith Samborne	Ichabod Robey	Isaac Godfrey
Humphrey Perkins	Joseph Towle	Tho: Webster Junr.
Isaac Webster	John levitt Junr.	Samuel son of Hen Dearborn
James Perkins	John Hobs	Arretas levitt
Simon Knowles	Ben Lamprey	Jon son Hen Moulton
Saml ffoge Senior	Jacob Browne	James philbrook
John Berry	Edman Johnson	Samuel Colcord
William lane	Daniel Moulton	
	Steven Samborn	

A tru account per me

Henry Dow Capn

[The above were allowed six shillings each.—Ed.]

Stephen Bachilder 1 month att oyster River Nov. 2, 1695 Caleb Marston & Nathaniel lock 3 days apece at Mr. Tiltons, Apl 9 to Apl 13

Portsmo: November 13th 1696

The within accot Examind and approved by

Kinsley Hall
John Woodman
Theodore Attkinson
Henry Dow
John Tuttle
Wm: Redford
} of ye Comitty

[Capt. Kinsley Hall was of Exeter, Capt. Dow of Hampton, Capts. Woodman and Tuttle of Dover. Attkinson was of New Castle. He was sheriff of the province for some years following 1692, and was father of Hon. Theodore Atkinson, who was for many years secretary of the province. —Ed.]

[4–189] [*Warrant for Muster of the Militia, 1697.*]

Hampton the 11 December 1697—

for Major Joseph Smith

In obedience to & pursuant of orders from White Hall barring date 27 october 1697 directed ffor his majesties Speaciall

Service to the Honourable John Usher Esquire His Majesties Left Govenour & Commander in Chiefe of his majesties province of New Hampshire in America &C You are in his majesties name required to give notice to all Capt^{ns} militia officers & Souldiers in the Town of Hampton to appear in armes on Munday next being the 13th instant att ten of the clock in the fourenoone in order to Complyance with sayd orders as thay and every of them will answer the contrary for the Highest Contempt Given under my Hand and seale att Armes the day and yeare above written

John Usher Left^{nt} Governour
& Commander in cheife

To Major Joseph Smith
A copie
To Captn Jacob Green

Pursuant to the above written warrant you are in his majesties name required to give notice to all officers and souldiers under your command to appear according to the above s^{d} warrant att the meeting House in Hampton to morrow at ten in the morninge

Dated December 12th 1697

Joseph Smith Major

Vera Copia of the oridginall In the Hands of Cap^{tn} Jacob Green Compared By me

Henry Dow
Jestice of peace in new Hampshire

[4-196] [*Hampton Men sent to the Fort, 1704.*]

Hampton 20 June 1704

ffriend John Bickford according to order Received I Have sent five laborarers and a Souldier to the ffort that you must sett over (viz) John Dearborn Humphrey Perkins John Samborn William Marston John Redman & William ffifield Besids the Sherriff Have ordered a carpenter to be prest out of my Company that was, but is now a trooper if he come that make seven in all besids Capt Greens & he should send ffour which is all needfull ffrom your ffriend

Henry Dow Captn

[John Bickford kept a ferry at Little Harbor, and took the men over to the fort. Others were sent as follows:—Ed.]

May 19 Jabez Dow Jonathan Moulton James ffogg
" 30 Philemon Dalton Icabod Robey John Knowles
" 31 Joseph Towle a souldier
June 9 Ben. Moulton Josiah Moulton peter Johnson
Robert Drake a souldier
June 30 Seth ffogg Stephen Samborn Tho Ward James ffuller
Sam[l] Brown Samuel Chapman
July 12 Sam[l] Dearborn Sam[l] Marston Icabod Robey
Joseph Taylor James Moulton Labourers
John Taylor a souldier James Johnson a carpenter
July 24 Ensign Samuel Marston a carpenter
Samuel Smith Caleb Towle Jonathan Elkins
Hezekiah Jinnis Isaac Webster labourers
John Chapman a souldier

[R. 2–37] [*Hampton Soldiers, 1708.*]

A List of Souldiers Names, and Time they Served att her Majesties ffourt, W[m] and Mary at New Castle in the province of Newhampshire New England 1708.

[The following are Hampton men. The others will be given in connection with the towns to which they belong: —Ed.]

May 18 to June 1.

Christopher Pottle	Jon[a] Philbrook	Jn[o] French
Jn[o] Wedgewood	Chr: Palmer	Anthony Crosby
Jn[o] Hobbs		

June 1 to June 15

W[m] Mastin	Joseph Brown	Seth Fogg
Daniel Lamprey	Isaac Green	Jn[o] Gove
Moses Blake		

June 15 to June 29

Jn[o] Green	Ebenezer Gove	Benj[a] Green
Sam[l] Palmer	Stephen Palmer	Th[o] Mastin
Jn[o] Brown		

June 29 to July 13

Christopher Page	Jn[o] Sambourn	Richard Taylor
Sim[o] Knowles	W[m] Brown	Jacob Brown

July 13 to July 27

Jon[a] Taylor	Zach Philbrook	Stephen Palmer
Daniel Lampree	Caleb Perkins	Israel Blake
Benj[a] Cram		

July 27 to Aug 10

John Pickering	Abraham Brown	Wm Lunt
Jno Lunt	Benja James	Benja Hillyard
Timo Blake		

Aug. 10 to 24

David Moulton	Tho: Batcheler	Joseph Palmer
John Garland	Tho: Phillbrook	Saml Melcher

Aug 24 to Sept 7

Jas: Chapman	Ja: Carr	Tho: Harris
Phillamon Dalton	Abraham Libey	Wm Norton
Saml Tilton	Israel Shepeard	

Sept 7 to 21

Tho: Marston	Isa: Phillbrook	Jno Garland
Abram Libbey	Josiah Dow	Jacob Cliford
David Tilton	Caleb Swain	

Sept 21 to Oct 5

Tho. Levett	Wm Sandburn	Stephen Sandburn
Jno Dow		

Oct 5 to 19

Robert Moulton	Jno berry

Oct 6 to 19

Benja Perkins	Tom Dow

Oct 19 to Nov 1

Saml Dow	Jer: Marston	Jno Cram
Edward Williams		

Shadrach Walton Capt

The men work att Six pence per Day in Repairing the ffourt	2–0–0
the Marsh for Sodes	1–0–0
the use of the gondalow for bringin the Sodes 15 Day att 1s 6d per D	1–2–6
	£4–2–6

[4–200] [*Remonstrance against a Township being granted at Squamscot, 1709.*]

May it pleas your Excellency

Wee whose names are under written living within the petitioned bounds of Quamscot doth earnestly desire that your Excellency and Honnors would be pleased to deny ye Request of

those petitioners for a town ship in Quamscot as for ye generality of ye said petitioners are poor people and several of them according to ye best of our knowledg instead of defraying any town charge are reather likely to be a town charg themselves. Your earnest desirers

Quamscot desember ye fifth 1709—

Edward fifield	david Robison	Joseph Rolins
Benjamin Brown	Nathaniel Stephens	Tho: Rolins
John Robards	Moses Rolins	Moses Leavitt Juner
Israel Smith	John Clark	Charles Rundlit
William Chiles	John Mead	Josep Lawrence
Nathaniel Ladd	Nathaniel Right	
benjamin Taylor	ionathan Robison	

[4-201] [*Another of same tenor, 1715.*]

to his Excellency the Governour & Councell Sitting at ports^mo this 23 day of Aprill, 1715

Wee the Representatives for ye town of Hampton pray that where as there is a petition of a Company of persons for a township at a place called Quamscock we pray there may be no proceeding in ye matter before the westward line of Hampton be run for that Sundry of ye petitioners are persons y^t have no Land of their own but have entered into hampton mens Land laid out into lots to perticular men & possessed more than 60 or 70 years since & there being severall writs against some of them ye above s^d petitioners Causes them to endeavor to gett a grant of other mens possessions &C

Your humble Servants

Joseph Smith Peter Weare Joshua Winget

[4-201½] *Wears Petition for a Township 8^br 3^d 1717.*

Too His Excelency Samuel Shute Esqr Govern^r in Cheeff of His Majesties Province of New Hampsheir, &C. & to the Honourable the Council of said Province—

May Itt Please your Excellency and your Hon^rs

In as much as ther is a great quantity of Land in this Prov-

ince unsettled & nowayes belonging to any particular Township we ye subscribers do become your humble & ernest Petitioners that A certain Tract thereof may be granted & Layd out for ye Regular settel^mt of A Township for us & our Heirs & other His Maje^ts Loyal & good Subjects—The Bounds of which Township we desire may Run from ye Massachusetts Line 12 miles Norward & so 12 mils squar in ye Chestnut Countrey Commonly so called—In granting of which Petition your Excellency will greatly oblidge your Humble Servants

Joseph Tilton
Daniel Weare
Benjamin Pearkins
Joseph Sanborn
William Healy
Charles Stanard
Samuel Page
Zachrias Clifford
Benjamin SanBorn
Jacob Garland Sener
Thos Crosbie
Jabez Smith
Nath^ll Samborn
Benj^a ffifield
Jethro Tilton
Richard Sanborn
Jacob in^r Garland
Nemiah Heath
Nathaniel Healy
Jeremiah Samborn
ruben SamBorn
James garland
David Tilton
Elisha Smith
Thomas Waite
Jacob Stanyan
James Prescut
Joshua Prescut
James Sanborn
Joseph Swett
Jacob Moulton
Hen: Lucas
pheliman Blacke
Bennoney ffogg
Joshua Winget
Jonathan Dearbon
Jno Tuck
Josep Page
John Sherburn
Benjamin Thomas
Wm Lock
Tho: Ward
Jno Sanborn Rich: Son
Tho: Dearborn John Son
Nat^l Bachelder jur
Josiah Sanbourne
John Smith
Abraham Drack
Jonathan tailer
Thos Philbrick
John Green
Charles Hunt
Edward Williams
James Stanyan
Jonathan ffifield
William Sanborn Senr
Ichabod Robie
Roger Shaw
David moulton
Jno Nay
Nat^l Bachelder Senr
Benja Tole
Josh Lane
Jonathan Cass
Peter Weare
Jonathan Garland
Seth fogg Senior
Nathaniel Drack
Caleb towl
John Casse
William Ripp
Benja Shaw Jn^r
James Dow
Edward Wear
Samuell Shaw
Jno Webster
Joseph Lett Jur
James Foog
Josep Tole
Josep Cass
Tho: Marston Senr
James Perkins
Abel Ward
Jacob Carsfoot
Roberd Drack
John Webster Juner
Seth Fogg
Joseph Chase
Timothy Blake
William Couch
Joseph Low
Saml Blake
Saml Cass
Moses Downer

[The foregoing are Hampton and Hampton Falls names. The petition was presented to the council October 3, 1717, by George Jaffrey, in behalf of Major Peter Weare.—ED.]

[4-205] [*Warrant for Parish Meeting, 1719.*]

This is to give notice to ye ffreeholders of Hampton that they meet on Munday the second day of March next att ye old meeting house in Hampton att eight A clock in ye morning to choose Town officers &c.—And ye ffreeholders of ye old parrish to consider then & order about Raising the new meeting house and order something about ye seates, & glass of ye old meeting house.

ffebruary 21st 1718/19 Nathl Sargent Justice of Peace

Jabez Dow
Josiah Moulton
Jno Dearborn
} Selectmen of Hampton

Vera: Copia Test Jno Tuck Town Clerk

[4-204] [*Falls Men present at said Meeting.*]

Att ye meeting of ye freeholders of Hampton March ye 1st 1718/19 men there present of ye fales side & voted with rest of ye freeholders to choice of Town officers

Philemon Blake	Jno Bachelder	Robt Row
John Swaine	Saml Blake	Jacob Moulton
Jno Green	Jacob Stanian	Nathl Hodge
Moses Blake	Ichabod Robie	Capt Jos Swett
Jonathan Philbrick	Nathl Batchelder	Capt Joseph Cass
Jethro Tilton	Enoch Sanborn	Capt Jos Tilton
Nathan Longfellow	Saml Shaw	Lt Benj^a^ Hilyard
Caleb Swaine		

[4-206] [*New Parish Men present at said Meeting.*]

Wee whos naims are hear under Subscribed being at ye town meeting ye 2th of March 1718/19 did vote for Chusing town officers and thought it was our Duety and according to act of ye honer^ble^ Governer & Councell and have Reson to think all our people that was thair at the town meeting acted in ye same

Nathl Bachiler Senr	Joseph Tilton	Samuel Shaw
Joseph Swett	Nathan Longfellow	Jonathan Philbrook
Joseph Cass	Enoch Sanborn	

The above Subscribers are all the Leding men allmost in the new parish & of Estats Save M^r^ hilard who is Redy to Subscribe but is at Boston which is a princble man

[4-207] [*Petition for Grant of a Township, 1731.*]

To his Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr Governour and Commander in Cheif in and over his Maiesties Province of New Hamp^{r} and to the Honourable his majesties Council the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Town of Hampton in the s^{d} Province humbly sheweth—

That most of the Towns and Parishes within the province of New Hamp^{r} have been favoured respectively with Charters for considerable tracts of his Majesties Wast Lands within this province for the making of new Towns proper to them, and though it was proposed in the time of granting these Charters that a Charter should be granted to the Inhabitants of the Town of Hampton, yet through neglect due notice was not given to the greatest part of the Inhabitants of that town to seek after a right in any of the new Towns or in any entire body of Land for their proper use, most of whome have done very great service in this his Majesties province as souldiers against the Indian enemy but have not been favoured with any share in the new grants, at which they are extremely grieved, and therefore earnestly pray for help from your Excellency and Honours, and pray that you will please to grant your Petitioners who are represented by the subscribers and a List of their names hereto annexed, a Tract of Wast Land within this province to be embodied into a Town as the other new Towns be, or that whereas your Petitioners are informed that the Charter of Chichester is forfeited by the Proprietors by their neglect of fulfilling the conditions thereof, which Town was originally designed for the Town of Hampton that your Excellency and Honours will please to make them a grant thereof, and yor Petitioners will punctually comply with the conditions to be set thereon and shall ever pray as in duty bound &c

May 1731.	Joseph Towle	Thomas Marston

March ye 23 1731 an account of the mens names that petitioned for a new Township

Timothy Dalton	Samuel Hobs	Benoni ffuller
Samuel Darbon	Joseph Towle	Beniamin M marston
Jeremiah Darbon	John Garland	John Towle
Joseph Johnson	Jonathan Towle	Thomas ffuller
Elisha Page	Jonathan Elkins Jur	Amos Knowles
Caleb Towle junior	Beniamin Hobs	Samuel Smith
Moris Hobs	William Moulton	John Hobs
Josiah Hobs	Joseph Page	Joseph Taillor Jur
Zacriah Towl	frances Towl	James Towl
Henry Batchelder	John Page	Thomas Page
Nathaniel Dearbon	Beniamin Towle jur	John Marston

James Godfree
John Weedgwood
James Hobs
John Leavitt
Ebenezer Godfree
Samuel Leavitt
Thomas Marston
Christopher Palmer
Joseph Batchelder
Jonathan Dearbon
Jonathan Godfree
Nathan Bleak
Joseph Moulton
Jonathan Sandborn
Jeremiah Marston
Henry Dearbon
Benjamin Towle
Moses Perkins
John Tailor
Obadiah Marston
Jonathan Tuck
Thomas Jams
Joshua Towl
Joseph Prescut
Beniamin Prescut
Jonathan Darbon Jur
William Sandborn Jur
Beniamin James Jur
Jonathan Marston Jur
William Sandborn
Richard Tailor
Caleb Marston
Abner Sandborn
Thomas Nudd
Wintrip Marston
John Nay Jur
Thomas Elkins
Nathaniel Mason
Jeremiah Towl
Samuel Lock
Daniel Sandborn
Edward Moulton
John Johnson
Joshua Brown
Edmund Chapman
Reuben M marston
Caleb Marston Jur
Thomas Hains
Caleb Towl
Reuben Dearbon
Daniel Collins
Gidian Shaw
Josiah Brown
James Leavitt
James Marston
Joseph Philbrick Jur
Stephen Smith
Thomas Batchelder
John Knowls senior
Nathan Marston

[In council, May 5, 1731. "Suspended till next Session."—Ed.]

[4-209] [*Bill of Expense for Constructing a Pillory, 1732.*]

for Time and expense for the Pillorey that wee caused to be built att Hampton In June Last Past by order of his Majesties Court of sessions then sitting their the wholl charg forty Shillings

Jonathan Marston
Benjamin Dow Select men
Sam[ll] Palmer

Hampton June 1732

[In H. of Rep., April 29, 1733, 25 shillings was allowed. —Ed.]

[4-210] [*Petition of North Hill Inhabitants relative to paying Ministerial Rates: addressed to Gov. Belcher and the Assembly, 1738.*]

The Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of the North Part of Hampton in said Province humbly Sheweth That your petitioners labour under great difficulty as to attending the Public

worship of God at the meeting house at Hampton Town by reason of the distance from it, That there has been for some years past a meeting house erected at North Hill so called in Hampton aforesaid, where there has been preaching at times for some years past, that the charge of Supporting the Preaching there has been carried on by a few, who at the same time have paid the full of all Town Charges, That in many of your Petitioners familys there are six or seven that generally attend the publick worship of God at North Hill meeting House when there is preaching there, when at the same time not more than two or three of them at most, could attend at Town, That your Petitioners are very desirous of having the Public worship of God among them so as they and their familys may constantly attend thereon—

Wherefore your Petioners Humbly Pray your Excellency the Honorable the Council and House of Representatives in your Great Wisdom and Goodness to take your Petitioners Case under Consideration and to exempt your Petitioners Estates and Polls and the Polls under them ratable, from being rated towards the defreying any part of the Town Rate or Rates of Hampton afores[d] for so long time as the Public Worship of God shall be carryed on and maintained at the said North Hill and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

John Darbon	Samuel dearbon	John B. Redman
Jonathan Godfree	beniamin hobs	John Marston
John Widgwood	Job chapman	Thomas Marston
Jeremiah Dearborn	John Godfree senior	Daniel Samborn
John Marston Jun	Simon Dearbon	Benjamin Marston
Jonathan thomas	Beniamin Marston Jur	John Godfree Juner
Jonathan Marston	Nathan Samborn	Winthrop Marston
Henry Dearbon	John Leavitt	John Johnson
David Jewell	David Moulton	henry Bachelder
Daniel marston		James Godfree

[In H. of Rep., September 3, 1738, a hearing was ordered for the next session. In same, November 15, 1738, the parties were heard, and the house "Voted that the Petitioners be Poled off from Hampton old Town, and that their persons families & estates be cleared from paying to the ministry of the old Town, and from any payment to the Widdow of the Late Reverend m[r] Gookin, and from payment to the Town School so long as they keep and maintain an able orthodox Minister of the Gospell amongst them." The council concurred, with this amendment,—"That they be exonerated from paying to the support of a school at the old Town no longer than they support a writing & reading

schoolmaster amongst themselves,"—and further, that they should not be discharged from paying their proportion of the grant made by Hampton to the widow of Rev. Nathaniel Gookin, who died in 1734. House concurred, and Gov. Belcher "assented." Act passed accordingly, November 17, 1738. The parish thus set off was incorporated as North Hampton November 26, 1742.—Ed.]

[4-212] [*North Hill Parish Declaration, 1739.*]

To the Revd Ministers whom we have invited to be our mouth in addressing the throne of Grace For direction in the important affairs before Us & to others whom it may concern—

North hill in Hampton May 24th 1739—

Revd Sir^s Seeing there is a misrepresentation of our designs In our present proceedings made to you by our Brethren & neighbours as tho' we were about to Involve them in charge & contention against their wills. These may inform you that our Designs & aims are to set up & support the Gosple among us which we trust will be to the Glory of God & the great advantage of our selves & families

And we think we shall be able honourably to support it tho' our numbers be not increas'd for we trust that God will bless the labour of our hands to enable us to Bear the charges of it as he has heretofore done—And it is not in our design (were it in our power) To bring any into our Society untill they are willing Tho' they live never so convenient being sensible that Peace and Unity are what God is well pleased with and what will be our greater comfort & Security than larger numbers—

This declaration we make & engage to Stand by and accordingly promise that we will not petition for any Parish line untill the major part within that line shall joyn in the petition—

So desiring your prayers & directions we remain Rev^d S^rs your humble Servants—Sign'd by

Deacon John Dearbon	John Leavitt	William Godfrey
John Marston	Saml Dearbon	Benjamin Hobbs
Thomas Marston	John Godfrey	Job Chapman
Daniel Sanborn	John Wedgwood	Benjamin Marston
John Marston Ju^r	Josepth Dearbon	Henry Dearbon
Henry Bacheller	Daniel Marston	Winthrop Marston
David Jewell	James Godfrey	Simon Dearbon
	Jeremiah Dearbon	

[The names are all in one hand on the document.—Ed.]

[4-214] [*Report of Committee concerning Lines between North Hill and the old Parish, 1742.*]

Whereas we the subscribers with others Being appointed By the Genl Court at there Sessions on Sept. 17th 1742 To Go To hamton old Town & north Hill Parish and see whether it be Convenient to have a Line Setled between the old Town of hamton & north hill Parish or not If a Line then where to State It, or whether both Ministers shall be paid by one General Rate &c—In pursuence whereof we with Peter Gilman who was also one of Said Comitte mett at s^{d} hamton on october 4th 1742, and viewed both Parishes and heard the arguments used by the agents of s^{d} Parishes, and have Determined as fol^{o}: That we think It most Convenient That the ministers Rates of Both Parishes be Paid by one General Rate. But if the Genl Court should think Proper It should not be then we are of opinion they have a devideing Line between s^{d} Parishes: and that it be as fol^{o}: The Line to begin at the Country high way that Leads from Portsm^{o} to hamton one Rod to the Southward of Capt Joseph Taylors new dweling house and from thence to Run on a Strait Line to the Sea Striking the Sea Eighty rods to the Southward of the mouth of the Litle River where it now Emties Into the Sea, & then to begin at the high way afores^{d} at the Place where the Line before-mentioned first begun & from thence to Run a Strait Line To the Corner bounds between Exeter and Stratham at hamton Line. That To be the Devid-ing Line between the two Parishes—

which is according to the best of our Jugem^{ts} and is Humbly Submited To the Genl Court as our Report

Portsm^{o} Novemb^{r} 16th 1742

Jotham Odiorne
John Douning
} Maj^{r} Part of the Comitte that was acting in ye afair

[4-215] [*Remonstrance to foregoing Report.*]

The Humble Petition of Sundry Persons Inhabitants of the Northern Part of the Town of Hampton in said Province Sheweth—

That your Petitioners have been Informed that the Parishioners of the North Hill Parish so called have Petitioned the General Assembly for a Line of Division between that & the Town or old Parish In pursuance of which a Committee has viewed & Reported their Opinion (which your Petitioners were informed of before) that both ministers should be maintained by one Rate—or that a Line should be fixed as set forth in their Return —as to the first part, we humbly conceive it would be Intro-

ductive of Multiplied Confusions & alltogether Impracticable for any length of time but as that is more Immediately the Concern of the Town we wave it & Refer it to those whose Province it is—But as the proposed Line greatly affects us we beg leave Humbly to Remonstrate That we families & estates will be thereby Comprehended within the North Hill Parish utterly against our Inclinations as well as Interests—That as this Parish was at first erected without our agency we think it Reasonable the charge of it should be supported without our aid and it would be a very hard case (as we conceive) to compel us to contribute to the ease & Conveneiency of others at the Expence of our own or that the wills of our neighbours should abridge or rather Destroy our Liberty & that in direct Contradiction to their own solemn promise—

That there has not been a Parallel Instance at least within our knowledge but whenever Parishes have been erected those who were unwilling to belong to them have by the Indulgence of the General Court (agreeable to the Example of the Legislature at Home) had leave to continue as they were & were Poll'd off accordingly from the new Parishes which is but just and Reasonable for otherways it would be in the power of a few men frequently in a sort to Tyranize over their neighbours—That the Inconveniency hereby bro't upon us will be greater than those the Petitioners would be under if they were Reduced to their former condition & belong'd to the old Parish or at least equal to them—

Wherefore we most Humbly pray that this Court would according to their wonted Goodness in Such Cases if a Line shall be Settled let us Poll off Families & Estates from the said North Hill Parish & y^r Petition^s as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

John Smith	Richard tayler	Beniamin fullor
William Moulton	Ruben Derbon	Morris hobbes
beniamin Johnson	david marston	Benjamin Johnson iu
John Taylor	Simon Knowles	John Shaw
beniamin Smith	William Palmer	John Smith Ju
nathaniel mason	James Towll	beniamin mason
Joseph Towll Jr	Jonathan Towll Jr	David dow
Danil Dow	Caleb Marston	zechariah Towll
Thomas Dearbon	Thomas Rowly	Samuel Fogg
Samuel darbon	Josiah hobbes	Joseph knowles
Nathaniel Moulton	Samuel bachelder Ju	William Moulton Ju
Abriam Dreak Ju	James Tomas	Jona Knowles
Jona Palmer	Joseph Page	Joseph Moulton
Daniel fogg	francis Page	Benjamin Lamper
Thomas Hains	Jeremiah Page	Morrice Lamprey
Obadiah Marston	Elisha Marston	

[An act was passed November 30, 1742, incorporating the said North Hill parish into a parish by the name of North Hampton, with the following line between that and Hampton: "Beginning at a great rock in the Highway in Hampton afores^d^ between the Dwelling Houses of Caleb Marston & Joseph Towle Jr. which is the first Great rock in the Highway afores^d^ to the Southward of the Dwelling House of the widow Mary Levet of Hampton afores^d^ Tavernkeeper & running from the afores^d^ Great rock on a strait Line to the Sea at the mouth of the Little river where it now emtieth itself into the Sea—then to begin again at the afores^d^ Great rock & to run therefrom on a strait Line to the corner bounds between Stratham & Exeter at Hampton Line." They were to be joined with Hampton for representative, and were to continue to pay their proportion of the grant made to Mrs. Dorothy Gookin.—ED.]

[R. 2–38] [*Abstract from Dr. Anthony Emery's Memorial, 1757.*]

The memorial of Anthony Emery of Hampton

Humbly Sheweth: That your memorialist by the request of His Excellency, on the eighteenth day of April in ye year 1755 Inlisted himself into his Majestys Service in an expedition against Crown Point, as Chirurgion of Col Joseph Blanchards Regiment. And as Chirurgions wages was not an adequate encouragement for your memorialist to leave his business, His Excellency gave your memorialist a Lieut^e^ Commission in Capt. John Moors Company, without which your memorialist would not have gone in s^d^ expedition. * * *

[Dr. Emery was discharged December 5 following. He claimed pay for a horse broken down in the service, and was allowed £25 out of the money "for the Crown Point Expedition."—ED.]

[R. 2–39] [*Abstract from Nathan Blake's Petition, addressed to the Governor and Assembly, Jan. 28, 1760.*]

Most Humbly Sheweth—Nathan Blake of Hampton in the Province aforesaid yeoman that whereas I the petitioner the said Nathan was out in his Majestys Sarvice in the last Sum-

mer in the new Hampshier Ridgiment Command by Col John Goffe in the Company Commanded by Capt. Jeremiah Marston and came from number four about the 20th of november last and got home to my own house the 29th of said november, and well when I came home and after I had been at home eleven days I was taken sick and brook out with the small pox which was verey shoking and destresing to me and to my family who all left me and went to a house at a distance and no body with me for some days but onely Ceazer Long.——* * *——

[He was attended by Dr. Emery and Tristram Redman. Supplies were furnished by Major Moulton, for all of which he presents a bill amounting to £10, 8, 3, new tenor, which was ordered to be paid, and charged to the expedition fund. Ed.]

[4-216] [*Relative to Small-Pox, 1758.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Captain General & Commander in Chief in & over his Majesties Province of New Hampshire And to the Honorable his Majesties Council And the General Assembly of this Province now Conven'd

May it please Your Excellency & the Honorable Council & the General Assembly—

The Humble Petition of the Minister & Two Selectmen of Hampton Town, Humbly Sheweth—

Whereas it hath pleased God in his Sovereign Providence to send the Small pox among us, & we have the Greatest Reason to fear it will soon spread into divers parts of the Town If Speedy & Effectual Care be not taken to prevent it—And though The Select Men have Impressd several houses to remove suspected persons into, according to Law—Yet they have been resisted by the owners of those houses—& their Lives threatned—So that the Major Part of the Select Men are discoraged & Determind to do Nothing further. And our present Danger being extremely great—We do therefore most humbly & Earnestly Entreat that the Legislature of this Province now assembled, would be pleased Imediately to appoint & empower some sutable persons to Come Imediately & remove these Infected persons to Sutable places, One of which lives so near to the Meeting house, that the publick worship of God must be broken up if not remov'd, & the other person Living close upon the Country Road in the Heart of The Town—which will prevent all Travellers as well as Endanger Considerable Neighborhoods—We do therefore earnestly beg the Imediate help of

You Our Civil Fathers, According as You in your Great Wisdom Shall see fitt, And so Your Petitioners shall ever pray &c
Hampton May 30: 1758—

Ward Cotton
John Weeks—Two of ye
Josiah Shaw—Selectmen

N B: One is supposed to have broke out yesterday & the other is expected to Break out every Day

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[4-218] [*Vote of Town relative to Ministerial Rates, 1768.*]

Province of Newhampshire

at a Legal meeting of the freeholders & Inhabitants of the town of Hampton held at the meeting House In said town on tuesday the twenty-first Day of March 1768

1 voted Christ^r Toppan Esqr is Chosen moderator for said meeting

11th voted to Excuse, mr Amos Coffin & stephen Page from Paying their ministers Rates for the three years Past—

Hampton march 27th 1770—

a true Copy attest— Joseph Dow: town C^l

[4-219] [*Relative to a Lottery, 1790.*]

We the Subscribers being informed that there is a Town Meeting Called in Hampton to see if the Town will Vote to petition the General Court for Liberty to raise a sum of money by Lottery Sufficient to Raise Hampton Causeway to such a hight as to make it Safe and Convenient passing at highwater when the Tides are high and as we have been informed that some persons have Doubted whether the owners of the marsh and Meadow Laying above said Causeway would Consent that it should be raised we being owners of said Marsh & Meadow have no objection but are desirous that it may be done Provided there be sufficient sluceways for the water being Sensable of the very great advantage it would be to travellers Especially to Strangers the passing over which Causeway often times is not only Dificult but dangerous & at some times Impracticable

December the 14th 1790

To the Select men of Hampton to be Communicated to the Town at the meeting

Anos Coffin	Cotton Ward	Simeon Shaw
Samuel Drake	John Taylor	John Fogg

Josiah Shaw	David Bachelder	Caleb sanborn
Sam[l] Weare	Robert Marshall	Mickel dalton
Stephen Coffin	Simon Brown	James Wedgwood
Reuben Dearbon	Joseph Dow	John Drake
Benjamin Shaw		

[4-220] [*Vote of Town relative to a Lottery, 1790.*]

State of Newhampshire—

Rockingham ss at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Hampton held at the meeting-House In said Town on monday the 27th Day of December 1790—

Voted unanimous to Petition the General Court at their next session for a Grant of a Lottery, in order to Collect a Sum of money Sufficient to pay the Cost of Raising the town Causeway in said Hampton so High as to prevent High Tides & freshets overflowing the Same—

Voted Joseph Dow Philip Towle Josiah Moulton Jonathan Garland Josiah Dearbon John Fogg & Cotton ward be & hereby are Impowered a Committee (in behalf of said Town) to prepare a Petition and present the Same to the General Court for the purpose as above mentioned—

Hampton Jan[y] 3[d] 1791—

a Copy attest Joseph Dow : town Clerk

[4-221] [*Petition for Authority to raise Money by Lottery to repair a Bridge, etc., 1791.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Hon[ble] The Senate, & House of Representatives in General Court Convened, January 5th 1791—

Respectfully Shews,

The Subscribers, in behalf of the Inhabitants of Hampton; that the main Road from Boston, to Portsmouth, in passing through said Town, crosses one main Branch of Hampton River, & Salt Meadow Ground, for about half a Mile in length; over which the Inhabitants of said Town by much labor, & Expence have built a bridge & a Causeway, & have kept the same in as good Repair, as could possibly be expected considering the smallness of the Town, & the very great Expenditures it required—Nevertheless by high Tides & Freshets, it is frequently rendered impassable, & at other times dangerous, & difficult for Travellers; & as the Cost of raising said Causeway

to such an height as to make it safe & convenient passing at all Seasons, would exceed the Abilities of the Town, & considering the great Advantage it would be to the publick to have it done; Induces us to petition your Honors for Liberty to raise a sufficient Sum by Lottery to effect it, under such Regulations, and Restrictions as you may think proper, & your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray—

Joseph Dow
Philip Towle
Josiah Moulton
Jon^a Garland
Josiah Dearbon
John Fogg
Cotton ward
} Committee in behalf of the Town of Hampton

[In H. of Rep., Jan. 22, 1791, the foregoing petition was granted, with the proviso that any surplus should be the property of the state.—ED.]

[4-222] [*Relative to aforenamed Lottery, 1791.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Honble the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court Convened June 7th 1791—

Respectfully shews That a petition was presented to the General Court at their last Session by Joseph Dow Esqr and others a Committee in behalf of the Town of Hampton praying for liberty to raise a Sufficient sum of money by Lottery to raise Hampton Causway—the prayer of which Petition was granted by the then Honble House but was ordered to lay by the Honble Senate the Subscriber begs leave to request of your Hono^r that you would take the Subject matter of said petition into your Consideration & make such order thereon as you may think proper and as in duty bound will ever pray

Christo^r Toppan in behalf of the Committee

The Committee on petitions for Lotteries, Report that the Committee for the Inhabitants of the Town of Hampton have leave to Introduce a bill to Raise by lottery the Sum of Eight hundred pounds, under such Restrictions as the Court shall direct, for the purposes afores^d
which is submitted by Daniel Emerson Jr for the Com^t

[4-223] [*Relative to Church Matters, 1796.*]

State of New-hampshire

To the honourable Senate & House of Representatives for said State in General Court convened at Exeter the first Wednesday of June 1796—

Humbly shew the subscribers inhabitants of Hampton in the county of Rockingham and state aforesaid, That they always have been and are conscientiously of the congregational persuasion which has been the established mode of public Worship in said Town ever since the first settlement thereof untill very lately—When about one third of the church and a major part of the congregation, professing themselves Presbyterians, called & Settled a Minister of the presbyterian order, notwithstanding the rest of the church and congregation dissented therefrom. The dissentients being conscientiously of a different persuasion, and desirous of worshipping their creator in a social manner, according to the dictates of their conscience; have since the unhappy separation took place, provided a house for public worship and procured preaching at their own expence, and being anxious to join with the church of congregationalists in said Town, in settling a minister of their own persuasion Your petitioners pray that they with the congregational church there may be erected into a Poll Parish and vested with such rights and privileges as other parishes have and exercise, and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Samuel Dow	Joseph Leach	Morris Hobbs
Simon Marston	John Lamprey	Jeremiah Marston
James Philbrick	Ephraim Marston	John Dow
moses Brown	Jonathan Lock	Samuel mace
Josiah Dearbon	Joseph Philbrick Ju	Amos Knowles
Abraham Perkins Jun^{er}	Joseph Palmer	Jon^{a} Garland
	Benj^{a} B Shaw	John Batchelder
Daniel Ware	Abner Page	Nathan Brown
James Philbrick Jur	moses Perkins	Josiah mason
Nathaniel Johnson	Samuel Drake	Samuel Sanborn
Stephen marsten	Joseph S Dearborn	Sam^{ll} Page
Samuel Philbrick	Winthrop Sanborn	Daniel Marston
Simon Lane	Samuel Blake	James Lane
Elisha Towle	Elisha Moulton	Joseph mace
Reuben Dow	Samuel Palmer	David LamPrey
Elisha Marston	Jonathan Gofery jun	Nathaniel Lock
Samuel Philbrick ju	Jacob marston	Jeremiah Hobbs
Phinehas Feltch	Daniel Lamprey	Simon Lane Jr
John perkins	John Brown	Simeon Shaw
Ashel marston	Joseph Redman	Sam^{ll} S. Page

John Readman	Simon Brown	John Green
Joseph Dow	Christo^{r} Toppan	Elisha Towle J^{r}
Zaccheus Brown	Jeremiah Knowles	Isaiah Dow
Daniel Brown	Elisha Brown	Reuben Lamprey
Samuel Marston	Simeon Blake	Joseph Palmer Junr
Trustram Godfree	Josiah marston	

[4-225]

State of New Hampshire

To the honorable Senate and House of Representatives for said State in General Court convened at Concord November 23^{d} 1796.

Humbly shews the subscribers inhabitants of Hampton in the county of Rockingham and State aforesaid had not an opportunity to sign a petition in June last to be incorporated into a Congregational poll parish in Hampton and that they desire to be considered as if they had then signed said petition

Hampton November 23^{d} 1796.

Joseph Towle	Moses Shaw	Joshua mace
Josiah Dow	David Philbrick	

[In H. of Rep., June 6, 1796, a hearing was ordered for the next session, at which, on the 6th day of December, an act was passed to incorporate the "Congregational Society in Hampton."—Ed.]

[4-226] [*List of Land Owners, about 1738.*]

A List of the Land owned in Hampton When North Hampton was Set off as a Parish & Since owned as Rateable in Said Parish

Former owners	Quantity of Land	Present owners
Reuben Sanborn	12 acres	Capt Hoite
Jona Dearborn	24 Ditto	Josiah Dalton
Henry Dearborn	74	——— jenny
Joseph & Ezekiel Moulton	48	Jona. Brown & others
Samuel Palmer	24	Jona Page
Willi^{m} Smith	16	Stephen Page & others
Thomas Nudd	12	David Page
James Towle	12	Stephen Page

Joseph Towle	10 acres	James Godfrey
Jona Marston	90	Ebenezer Loverin
Joseph Radman	40	Daniel Dowe
Peter Johnson	140	Doct^{r} Dearborn & others
Joseph Batchelder	25	Decon Sam^{ll} Batchelder
Caleb Towle	20	Simeon Marston
Jona Sanborn & James Johnson	20	Joseph Garland & others
John Batchelder	12	Decon Benj^{a} Hobbs
David Dowe	30	Zachariah Towle & others
Jacob Marston	25	Joseph Moulton & others
Jona Godfrey	15	Joseph Moulton & others
Christ^{r} Page	10	Joseph Moulton & others
Edward Wilmot & Nathan Godfrey	20	abner Fogg
Zechariah & Sam^{ll} Brown	30	Isaac Jennes & others
Sam^{ll} Palmer Esqr	18	Moris Lamprey & Thomas Cotton
Sam^{ll} Brown & Thomas Nudd	18	Jacob Brown
Peter Johnson	12	Tristram Radman
Thomas Brown	6	John Brown
Simon Dowe	12	Josiah Batchelder & others
Jonathan Freess & James Johnson	9	Thomas Cotton
Epharim Marston Moses Perkins	6	Tristram Radman
Zechariah & Sam^{ll} Brown	6	Tristram Radman
Sam^{ll} Palmer, Jona Garland, Jeremiah Moulton, Joseph Radman, John Moulton, Sam^{ll} Dowe	36	Benj^{a} Philbrick
Nehemiah Hobbs	12	Tristram Radman
Joseph Taylor	10	Henry Batchelder
	854	

the three following Farmes the most of them was ound in Town Since they were Sett off as a Parish Viz

Capt Abner Fogg Esqr
James Batchelder &
Jona Brown

HAMPTON FALLS.

This town was formerly a part of Hampton.

In 1709, by a vote of the council, the inhabitants of that portion of the town of Hampton west of Taylor's river, called Hampton Falls, were authorized to choose assessors, and raise money for "the maintenance of such learned and orthodox minister to officiate in the New Church" as they might call to service there, with advice of Rev. Mr. Cotton.

In 1685 there were 212 inhabitants in what is now Hampton Falls.

In council, May 12, 1718, Peter Weare and others "of the new parish" petitioned that it might be separated from the old parish, and were granted the privilege of holding annual meetings to choose selectmen and other officers to manage their parish affairs, and to choose one representative to the general assembly, but were to pay province rates as they had before. In accordance therewith they met and chose Peter Weare as assemblyman, who took his seat October 7, 1718. He was speaker of the house in 1724.

John Farmer says Hampton Falls "was separated and incorporated in 1712." I do not find this to be the fact; but do find that they were not entirely separated in parish affairs until November 23, 1726. After that each parish was to be free from the other in raising their ministers' salaries.

The west part of the town was set off April 1, 1737, and incorporated into the town of Kensington.

June 3, 1768, the town was again divided, the south part set off, and incorporated by the name of Seabrook.

By an act passed December 4, 1742, a part of the town of South Hampton was annexed to this town.

December 7, 1816, a small tract of land was severed from this town, and annexed to Seabrook.

[4-227] [*Petition for Grant of a Township—no date.*]

To his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Governour and Commander in Chief In and Over His Majesty's Province of New Hamps^e; in New England; And the Honble his Majesty's Councill in Said Province—

The Humble Address and Petition of Sundry of his Majestys Loyal Subjects Inhabitants of Hampton-falls in Said Province;

Praying that Your Petitioners may be Sharers in Such Grants of Land as may be made to his Majesties Subjects in this Province: That Your Petitioners may have A Township Granted them of Ten Miles Square Lying Upon Amuskieg fall or In Such other place and of Such Dimensions as to Your Excellency And Honours in Your Great Wisdom And Goodness shall Seem Proper: And Your Petitioners As In Duty Bound shall Ever Pray

Joseph Tilton	Job Haskell	Caleb sanborn
Benj[a] Swett	Jabez Smith	John Swain
Ralph Butler	Sam[ll] Shaw	Stephen Swett
Josiah Bachelder	John Brown	Winthrop dow
Richard nason	Timothy Hilyard	thomas Boyd
Bradbury Green	Abner Sanborn	Robert quinbe
Jacob Stanyan	Walter Williams	Timothy Blak Juner
Samuel Lane	Thomas Brown	Benjamin Sanborn
Timothy morgin	Jonathan Stuward	Ebenezer Sanburn
John Treadwell	Edmond Brown	Thomas Cram
Jonathan Nason	obadiah worth	nathanel Gove
Joshua Purinton	Daniel Peirkins	Meshech Weare
Sam[ll] Prescut	John Robie	Joseph Bachelder
Nathan Tilton	Timothy Tilton	Thomas Leavit
Jeramiah Pearson	Enoch Carter	Enoch Gove
Benjamin Swett Juner	Abaraham Bachelder	Edward williams
Elisha Prescut	Joseph Whipple	Jacob Freese
Robard Row	Robert Miller	Matthew Morton
Jonatha Cram	Abraham Green	John worth
Ebnezer Prescut	Edward Gove	John Swain Jun[r]
Charles Stuard	John Gove	Reuben Sanborn
Simon fogg	Jonathan Green	theopillus Bachelor
Jacob Brown	Amos Cass	Dan[l] swett
John Philbrick	John Clafford	Jonathan Hilyard
Jonathan Gove	Jonathan Tilton	Hanary Robie
Abner Philbrick	David swett	Enoch Sanborn
John green	John Tilton	Benj[a] Hilyard
John brown Quarto	John Gove Juner	Ebenezer Gove juner
		Abraham dow

[4-229] [*Petition of John Brown, Innholder, for the privilege of a Town Fair, about 1734.*]

Province of Newhamp[r]

To His Exelencey Jonathan Belcher Esq[r] Capt[n] general Govournor and Cumander in Cheaf in and over y[e] Province of Newhampshier and Province Massachusets bay in New-England &c—

To the Honble His Maj^{ets} Councel and Hous of Represent^{e} Now Setting in Portsmouth in The Province of Newhampshier—By an Ajournment—The Humble Petition of John Brown Inholder in Hampton-falls Most Humbly Sheweth—

That whare as Thare Hath Been in the Year Past Two Meettings of Not ondly ye People of This province But of the Nighbouring province also att Your Petitionours Hous for to Bye and Sell all Sorts of Quick Stock and Sundry othor Traidings Which hath Proved Greatly Benificial to many in This our Province and to many others farthur East then our Province Extendes Aas also to ye Byers many of them Came from Boston and from ye Nighbouring towns thare unto and bought many Hundred Pounds worth of fatt Cattle fatt Sheep and Lambs and ye Like Thay haveing a Carttain market to go unto—

And whare as Your Petitionour^{s} Hous is Thought to Stand in ye Most Accommodaiting place espeschaly for ye byers thay Cuming from ye South-ward ye Most of Them as also whare ye Roads meet from all ye Towns in This Province And upon ye Great Road from ye Eastward and So Most Accomodeating to all—

Therefore Your Petitionour Most Humbly Prays that This Cort wold Grant ye Liborty of haveing three fairs in a year att your Petitionours hous in Hampton-falls Yearly and y^{t} ye first may be upon ye Second wedensday and Thirdsday in May And y^{t} ye Seccond fair be upon ye Seccond Wedensday and Thirdsday in Augost and ye Third upon ye Last Wedensday and Thirdsday in Octob^{r}—And as In Deuty Bound shall Ever Pray—

[The selectmen petitioned, October 10, 1734, for the same privilege, which was granted. See Vol. IX, page 340. —Ed.]

[4-228] [*Deposition of Joshua Peirce.*]

The Deposition of Joshua Peirce Esqr who Testifies and Says that he very well Remembers that in or about the year 1717 the Log House that did belong to Peter Wear Esqr late of Hampton Falls Deceased in which he formerly keept Tavern was Licenced for that Purpose by the Government and that he always understood it was So Granted as to be a Privilege annexed to the Said Estate and alienable with that the Depon^{t} being a Member of the Lower House at the time the Said Grant was made

Josh: Peirce

[4–230] [*Petition relative to making a new Town of the West Part, 1736.*]

To his Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr Governour and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesties province of New Hamp^{r} to the Honourable his Majesties Council of the s^{d} province, and the Representatives in gen^{ll} Assembly convened at Portsm^{o} in the s^{d} province, this 8th day of March an: Domini 1736/7

The Petition of Joseph Wadley Ezekiel Dow John Batchelder and Jonathan Prescut John Wear most humbly Sheweth

That at the Sessions of the gen^{ll} Assembly of this province in the month of May—A: D: 1735. Your Petitioners with Sundry others to the Number of about Sixty who were Inhabitants of the West part of Hampton Falls parish did prefer a Petition to Your Excellency and the Honourable Assembly praying that they might be Set of a Seperate Parish by themselves, which Petition was acted upon at the last Sessions of the assembly after a full hearing of the s^{d} Parish by their Attornies, on the one part and Your Petitioners and their other Companions on the other part and there it was ordered by Your Excellency and the Honourable Assembly that a Committee Should be appointed to goe upon the Spot and make enquiry into the affair, to Survey the whole parish and to See whether it was big enough for Two, and if they found it was big enough for Two then to prefix a Line and to make a return to the gen^{ll} Assembly on the third day of their Sessions, and your Petitioners further Shew that Soon after the passing of that order both the Petition and order are Consumed to ashes in the burning of the Secretaries house in whose keeping they were, and that notwithstanding they were So consumed and destroyed yet the Committee who were appointed have proceeded and acted thereon, and it being now the time appointed for them to make their return thereof, they are accordingly attending for that end, your Petitioners therefore pray that your Excellency and the Honourable Assembly will please to accept thereof and to confirm the Same, so your Petitioners Shall ever pray &c

Jonathan Prescut Joseph wadleigh John Bachelder
John Weare Ezekiel Dow

[4–231] [*Committee appointed to fix Division Line, ana Report of said Committee, 1736.*]

Prov of New Hamps^{r} Aprill 24—1736
In the House of Representatives

The Inhabitants of the West end of Hampton was heard on

theire Petition for a Precinct, according to the day Limitted Last Sessions and the parrish of Hampton falls was present by their Selectmen and both parties heard—

And voted that there be a Committee

Entred on the Back of the Petition viz

The within Petition was Read & the Petitioners and the select men of Hampton falls parish was heard thereon by their Councill

The House having Considered thereon

Voted Capt Edward Hall and m^r^ Samuell Palmer be a Committee of this House to Joyne with Such as the Honble the Councill Shall appoint, to Go and view Hampton falls parish, and See if at present its Reasonable there be a new precinct Set off, and if in their Judgment it oft So to be, Then to view the precinct and Consider what district may be Set off to them having regard to the Quaintity & Quallity of the Land, and to make return to the next Gen^ll^ assembly on the third day of their Sitting and Each party pay half the Charges of Said Committee

James Jeffry Cle^r^ ass^m^

the same day a Mess^a^ Came down that the Board had Concurr'd with the above Vote and that Theodore Atkinson & Joseph Sherburn Esqr were appointed a Committee by the Board to Joyne the Committe of the House on the affaire of Hampton falls—

Copy out of the Journall of the House of Representatives

Attest James Jeffry Cle^r^ ass^m^

According to the within Vote we whose names are under written have been at Hampton falls Parrish & do report thereon that we apprehend that the best Place for a Dividing Line in case the Governm^t^ Should think Proper to Divide the S^d^ Parrish is to begin at Stone Bridge & run West & by North half a mile & from thence on a Streight Line till it Crosses Horse hill road forty rods below or to the Eastward of Jon^a^ Browns House & so on a Streight continued Line till it Intersects the Dividing Line between Salisbury & Hampton & from the beginning of the first S^d^ Half mile above Stone Bridge the S^d^ Line to Extend on the Same Course as from Salisbury Line to Exeter Line

Septemb^r^ 2^d^ 1736

Joseph Sherburn
TheodoreAtkinson
Edward Hall
Samuel Palmer

[4-230] [*Action of Legislature.*]

Mar. 29th 1737. In the House of Representatives The Petitioners of the within Petition was heard (the opposite parties not appearing) & voted: That the prayer of the Petition be granted, and the Petitioners be set of a Distinct Parish according to the Bound prefixt In the Returne Committe; and that they have Liberty to Bring in theire Bill accordingly

James Jeffry Clr Assm

In Council March 30: 1737

Read and Concurred Richd waldron Secry

Same day assented to J. Belcher.

[An act passed, April 1, 1737, incorporating the territory asked for into a "distinct parish by the name of *Kensington.*" The following September another act was passed slightly changing the bounds.—Ed.]

[4-232] [*Petition for a Change of Dates of the Fairs, 1738.*]

To Jonathan Belcher Esqr Capt Genaral Govournour and Cumander In Cheaf In and Over his Majestes Province of ye Masachusetts Bay In Newengland And thes His Majestes Province of Newhampshier

The Most Humble Petition of us the Subscribers Selectmen for ye Parrish of Hampton falls in Behalf of sd Parish Most Humbly Sheweth That altho with humble Thankfullness we Acknowledg your Exelencyes and Honrs Goodness and favour done unto us in Granting unto us & our Successors for Ever to Hould And Keep Two Fairs in a Year the first to begin upon the Last Tusday in Apriel And the other to begin the Last Tusday in October Yearly Which Grant was made ye 24th day of Octr A. D. 1734

Yett Since it So happens that our first Fair proves to be in the midest of our planting Seasond—Viz, that in Apriel And that in October proves to be too Late upon Account of what we have to Despose of Cheafly As Grass fead Cattle Sheep &c—Which to Geather with many Other Reasonds too tedeious to Trouble your Exelencies and Honrs with

We Your Most Humble Petitionours most Humbly Pray That Your Exelencie And this Honble Councel wold pleas to alter our Fairs for the feuture

That for the Time to Come the Fairs here may begin upon the Second tusday in June and Continue two days—

Also That for ye time to Come our fall Fair begin upon the third Tusday in September Anualy and for ever & continue two days And that a Clark be also Appointed to attend s^d Fair According to what may be Coustomary or Necessary for ye Good of the publick And what Others Mesurs to prevent Disorders eviel Deeds and all breaches of Law As You In Your Great wisdom may See meet—

And As in Deuty Bound Shall ever pray—

And we Humbly Pray that Mr John Brown may be aloued to prefer this our Petition And to Make Answars if Need Require

Hampton falls Novemb^er 7 : 1738

Josiah Bachelder } Selectmen for
Thomas Cram } the Parrish of
Benj^a Hillyard } Hampton falls

[4-233] [*Petition for the granting of a Township, 1749.*]

To his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Governour and Commander in Chief in and Over his Majestys Province of New Hamps^e in New-England, And the Honble his Majestys Councill for Said Province—

Humbly Shew Your Petitioners Inhabitants of the Parish of Hampton falls in Said Province That Your Petitioners being Informed that Your Excellency now proposes to make Grants of Tracts of Land Sutable for Townships, And we having most of us families for whose Settlement we are Concern'd to Provide, so that a Grant of Land would be Very Serviceable to us, And many of us having hitherto had no Share in Grants which heretofore have been made And being Desirous to Share with others in Such Grants as may now be made, We pray that we may have a Grant of a tract of Land Sutable for a Township in Some Convenient Place, And as the Season of the Year will not Admitt us now to look Out a Place and take a Plan thereof, We pray that we may have the Liberty when the Season of the Year will allow thereof to Look out some Sutable place without the Grants which are already made, And take a Plan thereof And may have the Same Granted to us And Your Petitioners shall Ever Pray &c

Hampton falls Feby 19, 1749

Nathl Weare	Meshech Weare	Stephen Healey
Jonathan Fifield	Josiah Bachelder	Jeremiah Brown
Jonathan Green	Joseph Perkins	Sam^ll Prescut
Richard Nason	Joseph Whipple	Joseph Bachelder

Elisha Prescut	Joshua Blake	Eben^{r} Prescut
Jon^{a} Chase	Thomas Brown	Enoch Gove
Benj^{a} Moulton	Thomas Cram	John Swain
Stephen Cram	Abner Sanborn	Joseph Worth
Abner Philbok	Jonathan Cram	Jonathan Green jun^{r}
Nathan Tilton	John Tilton	Jonathan Tilton
Henrey Robey	Jonathan Sweatt	Benj^{a} Hilyard
Samuel Lane	Benj^{a} Cram	Samuel Melsher
Samuel Tilton	Benja Sweatt Juner	Edward Gove
Jonathan Hilyard	Amos Leavet	Bradbury Green
Jonathan Prescutt	Pain Row	Benj^{a} Sanborn
Ruben Sanborn	John Chase	Benj^{a} Moulton
Benj^{a} Prescutt	James Moulton	Richard Smith

[4-234] [*Petition of Quakers relative to Service in the Army, 1761.*]

Province of New Hampshire

To Benning Wentworth Governour and Commander in Cheif in and over said Province the Council and assembly of said Province. In General assembly February 3, 1761.—

The Petition of John Brown and Elijah Brown of Hampton falls in the Province aforesaid Husbandmen. Being members of the Friendly Society Called Quakers—

That in the war Some time about four Years Since the Petition^{rs} then living togather on their farm in Common and undivided and Elijah Being a minor under the age of Twenty one Years, he was Impressed to go into the war which he Refused to obey as being against his Relegion upon which Refusal Nathan Green a Clerk of a Company to which they said we did Belong Came with a Warrant from the Cheif officer of said Regiment and took a Yoke of good four Year old Steers and Sold them and hired a man to go in the Room of Elijah, the said Steers then being also undivided. But this Grevance would not have been Repeeted had not Something farther been laid upon the Petitioner By an act of the Goverment Called the Quaker act, past the Last Year which they apprehend you have before you to Refer you to it, by which act they are apprehensive that the Court laid a Burden on Some of the Quakers that was never intended by the Court. and Especially on the Petitioners, for after a man being hired out of their Joint Substance they are Tax't by means of the Act aforesaid upwards of fifty pounds old Tenor Each to pay for their part of the people that was Called the Quaker proportion the Last years War Which the Petitioner

apprehend as a Very Great burden on them as they think they were properly Cleard from that Duty for the Reasons aforesaid—

Wherefore the Petitioners would be Glad of the Consideration of this Court on the matter. and order us Such Releif in the Last mentioned Tax as to you may Seem Right.

John Brown
in behalf of himself & Brother

[For other matter relative to this, see Vol. XI, page 709.—Ed.]

[4-235] [*Relative to Incorporation of Seabrook, 1768.*]

Province of New Hamps^e

In the House of Representatives March 10th 1768

Whereas a Number of the Inhabitants of Hampton falls have Liberty by the Votes of the General Assembly to be set off as a Distinct Parish the Dividing line between the Old Parish and the New to be Setled by a Committee to be Appointed by the General Assembly And have moved for Such a Committee to be Appointed

Voted That Josiah Bartlett Esqr Doc^r John Giddings And Doc^r Ebenezer Thompson be the Committee to Settle the Dividing Line Above mentioned And make Report to the General Assembly As Soon as may be

M Weare Cl^r

In Council March 18th 1768
Read and concur'd

Geo: King Dep^y Sec^y

Assented to J Wentworth

[In accordance with the foregoing, an act was passed June 3, 1768, setting off the south-westerly part of the town, and incorporating it into a parish by the name of Seabrook.—Ed.]

[4-235½] [*Objections to the Meeting called by Justices Bryant and Emery, 1770.*]

Province of New Hamp^e

To the worshipfull Walter Bryant and Noah Emery Esq^rs two of his majestys Justices of the Peace for said Province who have warnd a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Hampton falls to be held the 30th Jany 1770

The following Objections to the Legality & Propriety of the Calling and holding said Meeting are humbly offered—

1. Justices have no authority to Call town meetings unless the Selectmen Refuse—But such a meeting as is now Called hath not been Requested of the Selectmen or Refused by them Consequently the Justices authority cannot take place

2 The Denial of the Selectmen must appear to be unreasonable Otherwise Justices have no authority and the Justices cannot know that the Denial is unreasonable without hearing what Reasons the Selectmen have to offer unless they will Judge Exparte which cannot be presumed—But in the present case the Selectmen had Sufficient Reason to give (if they could have had Opportunity to have offered them) why they Did not call the meeting Requested So that if the warning for this Meeting had been the same as was Requested of them their Denial was not unreasonable

3 On Supposition that in Strictness you might have authority yet it is humbly Submitted whether it is Prudent to call a meeting for such Purposes as have a Direct tendency to bring the Parish into much Greater Confusion and Difficulty than any already arisen: and this appears to be the tendancy of the present warning

[No signature.—Ed.]

[4-236] [*Petition for the Appointment of a Committee to settle Parish Difficulties, 1770.*]

Province of New Hamp[e]

To his Exellency John Wentworth Esq[r] Captain General Governer and Commander in Cheif in and Over his Majestys Province of New Hampshire. The Hon[ble] his Majestys Councell And House of Representatives for said Province in General Court Assembled March 26th 1770

Humbly Shew Your Petitioners Freeholders and Inhabitants of Hampton falls in said Province, That many Disputes and Difficulties have Arisen and Still are Subsisting in said Parish Respecting the Situation and Building of a Meeting House for the Publick Worship of God in said Parish—That at present there Appears no Prospect of Accomodateing Matters and Setling said Disputes But Great Danger that Lawsuits may Arise And the Parish be Greatly Divided And put to Great Expence and Difficulty if not wholly Broken up without the Interposition of this Honourable Court.

Wherefore your Petitioners Humbly Pray that a Committee may be Appointed to view the Situation of the Parish to hear what Any Party may have to offer Respecting the Situation And Building of A Meeting house And to Make Report to the General Assembly what is best to be Done by the Parish to put An End to those Disputes which have Arisen Respecting these Matters. And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray &c.

Joseph worth
Joshua Chase
Wm Blasdell
Jonathan Stanyan
Josiah white
Meshech Weare
Abner sanborn Jun
Nathan Rowe
Stephen Lang
Jedediah his X mark Stanyan
Enoch Sanborn
David Bachelder
Theophilus Sanborn
Nathll Hubd Dodge
malachi Shaw
Ralph Butler
Philip Burns
Richard his X mark meder
Stephen Cram
Jacob Saturlay
Richard Nason
Pain Row
Nathan Cram
Dudley Sanborn
Nathan Weare
Abner Sanborn
Simeon Hilyard
Samuel Shaw
Jonathan Fifield
Nathan Green
Francis Marshall
Isaiah Lane
Jona Stuward
william Lang
Caleb Sanborn
Samuel Prescutt juner
Saml Weare
Zebulon Hilyard
John keney
Ebenezer maloon
Christopher Blake
Hilyard Shaw
Jonathan Fifield Jur

[In H. of Rep., April 11, 1770, Thomas Westbrook Waldron, Richard Downing, Esqrs., and Dr. Ebenezer Thompson were appointed as a committee to look into the matter, and report.—Ed.]

[*Report of the Committee.*]

Province of New Hampshire, June 11th 1770

Pursuant to the order on this Petition, we have viewed the Parish of Hampton Falls and heard what the Petitioners & others of said Parish tho't proper to offer on the Subject matter thereof—And altho' it does not appear that the new Meeting House is placed as it could have been for conveniency when the Parsonage House &c is bro't into consideration, yet it is well Situate for a House of Publick Worship for said Parish. And therefore are of opinion that all concerned would do well to accept of it as such.

And for conciliating affairs in the Parish, we think two things would have a tendency that way, viz, That such persons of the Parish who in three months signify their inclination to

have Pews in the new Meeting House, should by some resolution of said Parish (after said three months, to be taken) be put on the same foot relative to having Pews as tho' no sale thereof had been.

And Secondly that those persons who are better accommodated by the new Meeting House & assisted in building the same, (and no others) should present the Revd Mr Pain Wingate, with the Sum of Sixty pounds, in order to provide Suitable carriage &c for Travel of himself & family to and from Meeting. And this seems reasonable, in consideration the House of Publick worship will be near Two miles distance more from him than it was when he settled; and in general so much the more commodious to those on which this otherwise seeming burthen is proposed to be laid.

All which is most Humbly submitted by

Thos W^{k} Waldron
Richd Downing
Eben^{r} Thompson

[R. 2–45] [*Louisbourg Soldier, 1746.*]

[In a petition dated May 6, 1746, Sarah French, of Hampton Falls, states that she is "Widow and Relict of John French Late of Hampton falls who Died at Louisbourg in the service of his King and Country and left a Large family of Small Children." She asks for assistance. The petition was dismissed, as her husband was in the service of Massachusetts.—Ed.]

[R. 2–46] [*Crown Point Soldier, 1756.*]

[William French of this town was in the Crown Point expedition, Ezekiel Worthen's Co., Col. Nathaniel Meserve's Reg. He entered May 1; dismissed October 18.—Ed.]

[R. 2–47] [*Abigail Dwinnell's Petition, 1759.*]

[In a petition dated May 15, 1759, Abigail Dwinnell, of Hampton Falls, states that she is the widow of Amos Dwinnell, who "was a soldier in the Service of this Province at Albany in the year 1756 where he died."—Ed.]

[R. 2-48] [*Petition of Isaac Tobey, 1760.*]

[In a petition dated January 15, 1760, Isaac Tobey of this town states "That your Petitioner was a soldier in the Service of this Province the Summer Past, That while he was in the Service at Sarratoga he had his Gun Stolen." He asked for an allowance for the same, but the petition was "dismissed."—ED.]

[R. 2-49] [*Jonathan Knowlton, Soldier, 1760.*]

[Jonathan Knowlton, son of Ebenezer, was in the service under Capt. Marston in 1759, and was taken sick at Albany Flats. His father went after him, and took him home, where he died soon after. His father presents bill of Dr. John Weeks for attendance, which was allowed to the extent of thirty-two shillings sterling.—ED.]

[R. 2-51] [*Isaiah Row, Soldier, 1760.*]

[Petition of Isaiah Row, of Hampton Falls, who states that he was in the province service in 1760, returned home in December, and was soon after taken with small-pox. He was attended by Dr. Anthony Nutter, and presents a bill for all expenses, amounting to £325 old tenor, and was allowed £13 sterling.—ED.]

[R. 2-54] [*Eleazer Quimby, Soldier, 1760.*]

[Petition of Eleazer Quimby, who states that his brother Elisha was in the service in 1760, came home in December, was taken sick with small-pox, and died. He was allowed £7, 11, 2.—ED.]

[R. 2-57] [*David Steward, Soldier, 1761.*]

[David, a minor son of Jonathan Steward, was at Crown Point in 1761; was sick at Keene on the way home. His father went and got him home, and was allowed 30 shillings.—ED.]

[4-237] [*Proceedings in a Parish Meeting, 1773.*]

We the subscribers being present at the Annual Parish meeting at Hampton falls 9th of march 1773.—Jon^a Fifield Esqr was Chosen moderator after which he the Moderator ordered the Voters to bring in their Votes for a Clerk in wrighting and after the Moderator had counted them he declared Cap^n Caleb Sanborn was Chosen Clerk—A Dispute Immediately Arose and a Poll demanded, which was denied some Considerable space of time, but more than one hour after the first demand, the Moderator granted a Poll, & ordered them that were for Mr Benj^a Tilton to be Clerk, to go out at the east end of the Meeting house, & them that were for Capt Caleb Sanborn, to go out at the west end, & ordered m^r David Batchelder to number them, said Batchelder said, the number for Tilton was forty Three—But those that were for Sanborn kept there places, in the meeting House, & would not go out to be numbered the Moderator & others then said Sanborn was Chosen by Proxy, & that was the end of the Law The party for Benj^a Tilton still required a fair Devision by Poll, & about Twenty then again demanded it—After some time more was Spent in dispute the Moderator ordered all them that were for m^r Benj^a Tilton to be Clark to go into the Womens seats, and them for Capt Sanborn to go into the mens seats, and again m^r David Batchelder Number'd both parties—After which said Batchelder said the number for Tilton was fifty five and the number for sanborn did not exceed Thirty three—and directly after said Batchelder had reporeted the numbers, the Moderator Administered the oath of a Clerk to Capt Caleb Sanborn—Our Judgement by Appearence of the Numbers is that their was more than two for Tilton to one for Samborn—

John Lane	Henry Elkins	Abraham Sanborn
Samuel Tucke	John Blake	Jesse Tucke

[4-238] [*Summons to Witnesses in foregoing matter.*]

Province of New Hamp^re

To Major John Lane of Kensington Capt Henry Lane Elkins Ensign Samuel Tuck David Batchelder

You are hereby required to make your appearance before the General Assembly on Wednesday next then to give evidence of What you know relative to a Petition preferred by sundry of the Inhabitants of Hampton falls of & concerning a dispute at their last annual Town meeting with regard to the Choice of a Parish Clerk as by said Petition more fully appears—

Hereof fail not as you will answer your default under the pains & penalties of the Law

Dated at Portsmouth the thirteenth day of May A D 1773 —

Geo: King D Sec^y

Province of New Hampshire Rockingham ss

May 13th 1773.

I have Summoned all the within named Witnesses to Appear According to the within Summons—

Per Jonathan Cram

[4-239] [*Petition concerning aforesaid Dispute.*]

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captain General Governer and Commander in Chief in and Over his Majestyes Province of New Hampshire; To the Honble his Majestys Councill, And to the Honble House of Representatives in General Court Assembled May 1773.

Humbly Shew your Petitioners That at our Annual Parish Meeting in March Last, after the Moderator was without controversy or Opposition Chosen it was moved that the Parish Clerk Might be Chosen by written votes. they were Accordingly Called for and Regurlaly brought in and no Exceptions taken or Complaint made that the Ballot was not fair, untill it appear'd by counting the Votes that Capt Sanborn was Chosen, Then a Poll being Demanded was granted, And the two Parties who were for or against the Clerk that had been Declared Chosen being Seperated and no Exception taken that the Seperation was not Sufficient for Determining the Poll exactly, the Moderator desired One of the Last years Selectmen to Count those on One Side and who were of his party, while he Carefully Numbered the Other Party himself; at length Mr Batchelder, who was the person Desired by the Moderator to Count one side Returned to the Moderator, and without Exspressing any uneasiness as to the Manner of the Poll or doubt as to the Number of persons he was Employed to tell, Declared the Number precisely, and the Moderator Declar'd the Number on the Other Side, Whereby it appeared that Capt Sanborn was Chosen Clerk by Poll as he before had been by Ballot—nor did any Dispute Arise about the Regularity or Validity of the Poll that had been taken untill the Number were Declared on both sides and it Appeared who was Chosen. Then a Poll again Demanded which was Judged needless and unreasonable by many and they

declined paying any regard to it, Insisting that the Clark was clearly Chosen already both by Ballot and Poll, and the Moderator altho' willing to have gratifyed even an unreasonable Request yet thought it incumbant upon him and did proceed to Admit him by Oath to his Office—That as the Selectmen and Other Parish Officers there is no dispute of their being legally Chosen and so no pretence for having the Choice of them made void, had the adverse Party been a Majority at the Meeting as has been pretended they might have had an Oppertunity of Shewing it by After Pollings and Choosing such officers as they pleased, But as we doubt not they being Conscious that they were the Minority withdrew and left the Majority peaceably to Choose those Officers they saw fit. That at the Adjournment of the Meeting, upon a Motion made by one in Opposition to the proceedings of the Meeting it was put to vote whether the Parish would reconsider their Votes respecting the Choice of Parish Officers and it passed in the Negative, That the Selectmen and Other Officers have proceeded in their business as bound by the duty of their Offices Excepting wherein they have been prevented by some persons unreasonably keeping the books and Other necessary papers belonging to the Parish out of their hands—That it would put the Parish to very great Trouble and Expence to Call a new Meeting, and Especially to Choose all the officers anew wou'd throw many Affairs into great Confution such as takeing the Invoices for Taxation as by law Directed, paying the School Marster and the Like which we trust will not be done only in Case of necessity and much less where there is no pretence of Dispute in any transaction of the Meeting except in the Choice of Parish Clerk and in that as we humbly Conceive very unreasonable. And we apprehend that the Major Part of the Parish who were at Said Meeting are not only fully Satisfied that the Meeting was legally and fairly Conducted but also well Contented with the Persons Chosen to the Several Offices, We are led thus to Lay before your Excellency and Honours an Account of the Proceeding at Said Meeting being informed that a Number of the Inhabitants of Hampton falls have Petitioned the General Assembly representing the Proceedings at said Meeting to be illegal and unfair and praying they may be Set aside A Copy of which Petition with the order of Court for a hearing thereon has been Read to, but Refused to be left with the Moderator of Said Meeting, so not being Acquainted with any thing more then the General purport of the Petition cannot make so purticular a Reply As Otherwise he might. But can only give a true Account of the Proceedings of the Meetings by which we trust it will appear Clear to your Excellency and Honours that their Petition is Groundless and Calculated to keep up Divisions and Disputes in the Parish—

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly Pray That said Petition may be Dismiss'd, and as in Duty Bound we Shall Ever pray &c:

Richard Nason	Jon^{a} Fifield Jur	Ralph Butler
Hilyard Shaw	Francis Marshalls	Aaron Smith
Philip Burns	Jon^{a} Tilton Jr	Nathan Weare
Abner Sanborn Jun^{er}	Gideon Marshall	Nath^{ll} Hub^{d} Dodge
David Norton	Richard Mace	Pain Row
Caleb sanborn	Obadiah Worth	Malachi Shaw
Jacob Saturlay	Joseph worth	Simeon Hilyard
Abner Sanborn	Jon^{a} Stuward	Samuel Robie
William Lang	John Gove	Davaid Nason
Joseph Wells	moses Norton	Joseph Batchelder
Isaiah Lane	John Kenney	Joshua Chase
Zeb^{n} Hilyard	Stephen Cram	David Pearkins
Walter Williams	Stephen lang	Jonathan Fifield
Theophilus Sanborn	Husey Hoag	Meshech Weare
Chaney Smith	Wm Blasdell	

I was not present at the Meeting but from all the Accounts I have Since had Am fully Satisfied the foregoing is a true Account of the transactions of the Meeting respecting the Poll

[The last clause is in the handwriting of M. Weare.—Ed.]

[4-240] [*Another Statement relative to the foregoing Dispute.*]

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esquire Captain General Governer & Commander in Chief in & Over his Majesties Province of New Hampshire

To the Honble his Majesties Councill and House of Representatives for Said Province Convened in Generall Assembly—

Most Humbly Sheweth

The Subscribers Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Parish of Hampton-falls in the County of Rockingham in Said Province—

That at the Annual Meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Said Parish held at the New-meetinghouse in Said Parish on the Ninth day of March AD 1773—Jonathan Fifield Esqr was Chosen Moderator for Said Meeting, and Called upon the Voters to bring in their Votes for a Parish Clerk, whereupon one Party Voted for Caleb sanborn and the Other Party (of which your Petitioners are) Voted for Benjamin Tilton to be Parish Clerk for the Currant year, and upon Sorting the Votes

the Said Moderator Declared that Capt Caleb Sanborn was chosen, But we (Suspecting that Several who Voted for Said Sanborn were not Legal Voters and that some had put in more than One Vote Each) to the Number of Eighteen Desired and Requested a Poll, which was for some time Denied us, but at length Granted, and David Batchelder one of the Select men was Ordered to Number the Polls of the Voters, who made Report to the Said Moderator that there was Fifty five Votes for the Said Tilton & Thirty two or thirty three for Said Sanborn— Notwithstanding which the Said Moderator then (to our great Surprise) declared the Said Sanborn to be Chosen Clerk and imediately Administered the Oath to him Accordingly—

Which Proceedings We humbly Conceive to be Unfair, Illegal and Designed by the Said Moderator to hurt and Injure the Major Part of the Legal Voters in Said Parish—

Wherefore and for many other good Reasons to be offered & Proved to your Excellency & your Hon^{rs} upon a hearing of this our Petition We Humbly Pray your Excellency & Honours to take our Case under your wise Consideration and Nullify and make Void the Proceedings of said Meeting and Order the Selectmen for the last year or some other Person or Persons to Call and warn another Meeting of said Freeholders & Inhabitants as soon as may be for the Choice of all Parish officers in said Parish for the Currant year, Or Otherwise grant us Such Relief in the Premises as to your Excellency and Honours Shall Seem Meet.—

And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray &c

Hampton falls March 29th 1773.

Jonathan Burnam	Jeremiah Blake	Jonathan Cram
Stephn Swain	Nehemiah Cram	Benj^{a} Tilton
Peter Tilton	William Prescut	Samuel Melcher
Stephen Tilton	Michael Tilton	Juner
Benjamin melcher	Radmund moulton	Caleb Tilton
James Prescutt	Samuel Lane Junr	Ebenezer Tilton
Malcher Ward	Nathan Tilton	Joshua Blake
Elisha Prescutt	Nathan Tilton	Samuel Melcha
Richerd moulton	Samuel Prescot	Samuel Lane
Caleb Swain	James Prescut juner	John Swain
John flood	William Swain	Benjamin Sanbun
Jeremiah Lane	Jediah Sleeper	William Davison
Benja moulton	henry Blake	

[2-242] [*D. Bachelder's Statement concerning same.*]

David Bachelders Decleration of the managment of the annual metting Held in Hampton Falls on march 9th 1773 being

one of the Select men to Call Said metting first Jonathan Fifield Esqr was Chosen moderator one part Carried their Votes for Capt Sanborn to be Parish Clerk in Number 38 the other Voted for m^{r} Benjamin Tilton to the Num^{r} of 37 But we being Scruplus of Some of theirs being Legal Voters we Desired a pole which was for Some time Denied we Nevertheless Continued to Desire a fare opportunity That the matter mite be Farley Determined who was Chosen to the office of Parish Clark & after Somthing more Then an our the moderator Grainted a pole & ordered Thouse That where for Capt Sanborn to go out at the mens End Door & thouse who where for m^{r} Tilton to go out at the womans End Door & Desired me to Number thouse that went out at the womans End Door and Said That he would Number thouse that went out at the mens Door Immediately thouse who where for Mr Tilton went out at the womans Door to the Number of 43 but Not one went out at the mens door For Cap Sanborn we where tould by the moderator That Capt Sanborn was Chosen by Proxes & That That was the End of the Law our party was Stil Very uneassy & Stil Desired a fare Dissission of the Distute by a pole to the Number I thought of 15 or 20 at Length the moderator ordered that thouse which where for m^{r} Tilton to Draw into the womans Seats & those that where for Capt Sanborn to Draw into the mens Seats & Desired me to Number them I accordingly Numbered them as Near as I Could & Found fifty five for m^{r} Tilton & about thirty two or thirty three for Capt Sanborn I immediately tould the moderator the Number of Voters on both Sides but then Directly to my Great Supprise the moderator administraed the oath to Capt Sanborn to be parish Clark & then proseeded to Chose the Select men This relation I am Ready to give oath is matter of Fact & as Near as I Can relate the management of the meetting

Hampton Falls march 13th 1773

David Bachelder

the following are the Names of those that Disired a pole

Capt Jonathan Tilton	Samuel Lane	Elisha Prescut
Nathan tilton	Samuel Prescut	Jeremiah blake
Jeremiah Lane	John Swain	Nehemiah Cram
Jonathan Cram	David Bachelder	James prescut Juner
Henry blake	Capt Jonathan burnum	Benjamin Sanborn
C^{ap} Benjamin moulton	william Davidson	Stephen Swain

Voted that the Meeting mentiond in the Petition has been Illegally Conducted & that it thereby is Dissolved & that a New Meeting be held & in consideration of the Division in said Parish that Col^{o} Jno Phllips Esqr a member of this house be a Mod-

erator of Said Meeting he giving Notice of the time & Place & design of holding the same & that the Legal Charge the Persons who were Chosen Select Men have been at in the Service of the Parish shall be defrayd by the Parsh as tho the Said Meeting had been Valid and that the Petition^rs have leave to bring in Bill accordingly

[In H. of Rep., May 19, 1773. The proceedings of the aforesaid meeting were declared to have been illegal, and another meeting was ordered to be held, and in consideration of the "division in said Parish, Col^o Jno Phillips Esq" was appointed to act as moderator.—ED.]

[4-243] [*Election of a Magistrate, 1776.*]

Colony of New Hampshire

Hampton falls July 1st 1776

att a Meeting of the freeholders and Inhabitants of Said Hampton-falls and when meet Samuel Weare was made Choice of for a Justice of Peace for Said Parish by a Unanimous Vote

Samuel Prescot
Abner Sanborn
Jeremiah Blake Jur.
} Select Men of Hampton falls

To The Honble Philips White Esq Speaker of the House of Representives

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[4-244] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of Newhampshire County of Rockingham

Pursuant to an order from the Honble General Assembly of Said State We have taken an Exact number of the Male polls of Twenty one years old & upwards Paying for themselves a Poll tax within the Town of Hamptonfalls and find them to amount to one Hundred & Six Persons—106

James Prescut ju^er
Caleb Tilton
Benj^a Pike
} Selectmen of Hamptonfalls

Exeter December the 5th 1783—

the above Subscribers made oath to the truth of the above Reteturne before me—

Nath^ll Folsom
Jus^t Peace—

[R. 2-59]

Account of supplies to Soldiers Families from the Town of Hampton falls from January first 1783 till July first 1783

Jonathan Millers Family	£5, 7, 11,
Edward Wades Family	7, 3, 0,
John Rawlins Family	4, 10, 6,
Melcher Wards Family	5, 18, 7,

James Prescut Jn^{r} } Selectmen
Caleb Tilton } of
Benj^{a} Pike } Hampton falls

Sworn before Saml Weare

[4-245] [*Recommendation for Appointment of Magistrate.*]

Hampton Falls Novr 4th 1789

Sirs

We the subscribers beg leave to Recommend to your Excellency and Honors, Col. Caleb Tilton of this Place as a Person well qualified for a Justice of the Peace, and beg he may be appointed to that Office—

We are Sirs, with due Respect your Excellency and Honors most Obedient Servants,—

His Excellency the President and Honble Council—

Caleb Sanborn	Abner Sanborn	Jon^{a} Burnham
Isaiah Lane	Josiah Peaver	Peter Tilton
Jeremiah Lane	Benj^{a} Pike	James Prescut ju^{nr}
Aaron Wells	Nath^{ll} Hub^{d} Dodge	Michael Tilton
Simeon prescutt	Benj^{a} Tilton	George Fifield
Joseph Wells	Meshech Sanborn	
Nath^{ll} Dodge	James Prescutt	

[4-246] [*Relative to working Highway Taxes in Hampton Falls and Seabrook Parishes, 1791.*]

To the Hon^{le} President Senators and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Court Assembled.

The Petition of the Subscribers chosen as a Committee in

behalf of the Parish of Hampton falls at a Legal Meeting of the freeholders and Inhabitants Thereof in August last passed for the purpose of making application to the Honorable General Court, humbly Sheweth—

That some Years ago, upon the settlement of the Revd Mr Wingate as the Minister of this Parish,—Seabrook was taken off from Hampton-falls and made a distinct Parish on account of their dissent from said settlement; and a line of Division was Drawn betwixt the said Parishes by Order of General Court.

That notwithstanding the said line of Division Liberty was given by the Court to any Person on either side of said Line to Poll off with their Estates into the other Parish within Two Months after the said Division was made the plain Design of which was that they might have their choice as to the enjoyment of the Privileges of religious worship in one Parish or the Other—

That in consequence of this Liberty some Persons within the Line of Seabrook Polled into Hampton falls; and likewise sundry Persons within the line of Hampton-falls Polled into Seabrook; by which means much difficulty hath been occasioned as to doing their part in repairing highways:

Whereas it would be more convenient for both Parishes if they who have Polled; might be Obliged to do their part of Labour on the Road within the Lines of the Parishes in which they belonge; why this was not mentioned in the Charter was entirely thro' forgetfulness:

Therefore it is our Humble Petition that Your Honours in your wisdom would Pass an Act that all those Inhabitants who Lives within the Bounds of s^{d} Hampton falls who have Polled into Seabrook be caused to work or pay their proportion of Taxes According to their Polls and Estates on Roads or Highways within the Bounds of s^{d} Hampton falls; Also all those Inhabitants who Live within the Bounds of Seabrook who have Polled into Hampton falls be caused to work or pay their proportion of Taxes According to their Polls and Estates, on Roads or highways within the Bounds of Seabrook,—As in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray.

Dated at Hampton falls November 26 AD 1791

Abner Sanborn
David Bachelder } Committee
George Fifield

[Petition granted December 6, 1792.—Ed.]

HANCOCK.

This town was incorporated November 5, 1779, and named in honor of Gov. John Hancock of Massachusetts, who was one of the original proprietors of the town. The territory comprised in the township was a portion of Society Land, so called, belonging to the Masonian Proprietors, some of which had been settled by John Grimes in 1765, and, within four or five years from that time, by Moses Morrison, William Lakin, and others.

January 16, 1794, the farm of Joseph Putnam, of Society Land, was annexed to this town.

January 1, 1849, the farm of John Flint, of Antrim, was annexed to Hancock.

[5-23] [*Consent of Inhabitants of the East Side to the Incorporation of Hancock, 1779.*]

State of New hampshire And County of hillsborough

These may Sartfy the honorable Council And house of Representatives for said state That we whose names are underriten and Sined who Live in the Society Land So Called on the East Side of Contoocook River have no obctions to make against the in habintients on the weast Side of S^d^ River in the Society afore S^d^ to be incorporated Into Town and Likewise to be Disanexed From those on the west—

Society Land April 20th 1779

Robert Rogers	James gragg	Isaac Butterfield
Charles Lawrance	John gragg	Samuel Butterfield
Alexander parker	Samuel Dickey	

[5-24] [*Petition for an Incorporation of the Town, 1779.*]

To the Honourable Council and House of Representatives for the State of New hampshier in general asembly Conveen^d^ at Exeter in the mounth of June 1779—

the Humble petition of us the Subscribers Inhabitants of that part of the Society So Called Laying on the west Side of Contaucook River and South of Antrim North of petterBorough & Dublin & East of Packersfield—

Humbly Sheweth that by Reason of the Large flats on Each Side of s^d^ Contaucook River it will Ever be Impractable to Build any Bridge and therefore there Can be no Communication with those that inhabite on the East Side of Said River all which will Render it inconvenient to be incorporated into one Body and them Inhabiting on the East Side of S^d^ River have Signed their willingness to be Disanexed from those on the West—

furthermore your pettitioners would Inform your Hounours that the tract of land on which we Inhabit from the River west to packerfeild East Line is Six mills and one Half and from Antrim South Line to Pettersbrough North Line is five mills and near one Half and the Land is so good that it will make a very Comodious town or Parish and your petitioners pray your Honours that they may be Incorporated and invested with all town priviladges as other Incorporated towns—your Honours Compliance with the above petition Will greatly oblidge your petitioners and they as in Duty Bound will Ever Pray

Society June the 3^d^ 1779

Robert Duncan	John Cumings	Asa Adams
Moses Morison	Joseph Simonds	Nathan Meriam
Jonathan Bennett	Timothy moors	Adam Patterson
Thomas Miller	Reuben Cumings	Arther grayham
John Moor	Joel Russell	David Ames
John Miller	John Cumings Juner	William Lakin
Thomas English	Oliver Lawrance	John Foster
Stephen Bennett	James Davis	
william williams	Wm Williams J^r^	

[In answer to the foregoing the town was incorporated November 5, 1779.—Ed.]

[5-25] [*Petition relative to Taxes, 1779.*]

State of New Hampshire

To The Honble the Council and House of Representatives for the State of Newhampshire afores^d^ in General Assembly Covened—

The petition of the Inhabitants and Proprietors of the Lands of the place called and Known by the Name of ye Society Land in the County of Hillsb^o^ in the State of New hampshire afores^d^ humbly sheweth—

That ye said Place called ye Society Land is Taxed for y^e^

Current Year for a Larger Sum than other places and Towns in Proportion, in the same State, being One pound five shillings 11^{d} to Every Thousand pound—and we further Shew that in fact we the said Inhabitants are very poor and Low in the world, our Lands are a great Part of them Low and Sunken. we have many Large ponds and some very mountainous and Rocky Land—which are not nor Ever Can be improved—The Road thro ye Township could not be made Good and passable for Teams, in One year, for ye whole Sum ye Township is worth, it being so Exceeding Rocky mountainous and Sunken—

We declare our Selves Good and faithfull Subjects to the state afores^{d} and Truely willing to pay our full Proportion of publick Taxes; but at the same time upon considering Every Circumstance, we are assured and do plainly See that our Valuation was given in three Times too Large, in Proportion to other Towns, Therefor We humbly pray for an abatement in our Tax in such proportion as your Hon^{rs} in your Wisdom shall see fit, and your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall Ever pray—

Society Land Septemb^{r} 7th 1779

Signers Neames

Jacob Ames	David Ames	Moses Morison
Robert Duncan	Jonathen Bennett	Thomas Miller
John Moor	John Miller	Robert Wyllie
Williams Clarck	Jesse Cristey	Benj^{m} Wilson
Asa Adams	Stephen Bennett	William Williams
Adam patterson	Williem Lakin	James Davis
Edmund Davis	Jon^{a} Davis	Charles Barrett
David Hubbard	Amos Barrett	Jonas Wheeler
Thomas Barrett	Joseph Hayward	John Preston

[5-25½] [*Report of Committee to locate a Meeting-House, 1785.*]

State of new Hamp^{re} } Hancock may ye 3^{d} 1785
Hillsborough county }

Your committee appointed to fix on the place for bulding a Metting house in said Hancock having meet and viewed the Ground & heard the pleas, beg leave to Report—that the place Agreed upon for the aforesaid porposs is on the plain at the South End of noraway Pond so called there marked out and shown to the Inhabitants which is submitted

John Duncan
Levi Spaulding
Jo: Young

[2-26] [*Petition for Special Tax to Build a Meeting-House.*]

State of New Hamp^{re} } to the Hon^{l} the sennat and House of
Hillsborough ss } Representatives in Genl Court at Concord convened

The Memorial of us Nonresident Owners of lands in Hancock shews that whereas a Petition hath been perfered Requesting a tax to be Laid on all the Lands in s^{d} Hancock for the purposs of bulding a house for publick worship & it appeareing to be for our intrest & the publick Good we also pray that the subject matter prayed for in s^{d} petition may be Granted and your Memorialests as in Duty Bound will ever pray &c—

James Davis	Jon^{a} Davis	John Preston
Amos Barrett	Ben^{n} Knight	Moody Morss
Elezer Cumings	Charles Barrett	Elijah Hills
James Hosley	Noah Wheeler	

[5-27] [*Petition for Appointment of a Committee to locate a Meeting-House, 1785.*]

State of new Hamp^{r}

To His Exalancy the Presidant the Honerable the Council and House of Representatives in general Assembly at Concord Convened—

A Petition in behalf of the Inhabitants of Hancock humbly shews that we have been at pains and cost to find the Centor of our town in Order to buld a House for Publick Worship: but Unfortunatly it falls in a Bogg where it is not possable to buld: and altho we have Meetings Called Reppitedly for that pourpos: yet we Cannot all Agree where to move it to find the Ground that will be most Suttable and Convenient: Wherefor we pray that your Honors would appoint a Committy of three Persons out of towns ajacent that is not Intrested for the porpos aforesaid as we have agreed to abide the Judgement of s^{d} Comitty and pay the Cost: and your Petitionars as in Duty bound will ever pray

Hancock Jen^{y} ye 20th 1785

James Duncan } a Committy for Hancock
Seth Hadley }

[In H. of Rep., February 10, 1785, a committee was appointed, consisting of John Duncan, Esq., Capt. Levi Spaulding, and Dr. John Young. For report, see ante.—Ed.]

[5-28] [*Petition for Authority to levy a Tax to Build a Meeting-House, 1785.*]

State of New Hamp^{re} } to the Honerable the Sennet & House
Hillsborough County } of Representatives in General Court Convened—

A Petition in behalf of the Inhabitants of Hancock Humbly Shews: that s^{d} Hancock was not Granted to any number of persons as other towns in this State have Been nor aney Lands Given for aney publick Use but a Great part of the land in s^{d} town is owned by non-Residants the most of whome lives in the massachusetts who do not incline to Sell or Settle their lands: so long as they find them advanceing by our labour: whilest all the burthing of Roads &c: layeth heavey on the oppressed inhabitants: & Whereas other towns in the same situation have Upon applycation been Relived: which incorigeth us to hope that we will not be worse Used than other subjects wherefor we pray that your honors would Grant us a small tax on all the Land in s^{d} Hancock for the sole purpose of bulding a house for Publick Worship: and your petitioners as in Duty Bound will Ever Pray

Hancock may ye 16th 1785

Seth Hadley } Comittee
Enes Knight }

[The foregoing petition was granted by an act passed November 4, 1785.—Ed.]

[5-29] [*Relative to building a Meeting-House, 1787.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To the Great and General Court of said State to be conven'd on the first Wensday of June next.—

The Select men of the Town of Hancock in behalf of s^{d} Town Humbly Shews.—that they received an Act passed by said Court upon the 2^{d} of November, 1785, Impowring the Select Men of Hancock to Assess the Lands in said Hancock for the purpose of Building a Meeting house in s^{d} Town at one penny an Acre for the term of three years.—But in s^{d} Act there appears liberty for the whole thereof to be paid in Certificates —which liberty must of Necessaty prevent our Building at present for we Cannot purchase one article for Building with them so as to answer our purpose—we therefore pray the Honorable Court to take our Case into there Consideration and

reverse that Clause of said Act which has respect to said Tax being paid in Certificates, and Order it to be paid in hard Money Grain and Lumber, or some other way, to Answer our purpose, as they in their wisdom shall see meet, and your Petitioners in duty bound shall ever pray

Hanocock April 26th 1787

Edmond Davis } selectmen
Samuel Gates } of
Oliver Lawrence } Hancock

Honble the General Court—

[The petition was dismissed.—Ed.]

[5-30] [*Petition of Joseph Putnam to be annexed to Hancock, 1793.*]

to the Legeslature of the State of New hamp^re in general Court Convened at Concord on the first wensday of June 1793

the petition of Joseph Putnam of the Society land in the County of Hillsborough humbly shews that your petitionar lives Remote from any neighbour in Said Society and a great part of his land lays in Hancock and he attends publick worship there and owns a pue in the Meeting house and cannot conveniently be joyned to any other Society and now pays taxes for a great part of his Intrest there—Wherefore your petitioner prays your honners that he with the whole of his Intrest be disanexed from the Said Society where they injoy no previlages and be anexed to the town of Hancock and as in dutty will ever pray

Joseph Putnam

[5-29½] [*Consent of the Town to the foregoing.*]

At a Townmeeting held in Hancock upon the 13th of may 1793—James Duncan Moderator—Voted to Receive Wm Joseph Putnam of Society so called as an inhabitant of said Hancock and approve of his being annexed thereto provided the General Court shall Concur therewith.

Coppy attest

James Hosley Town Clerk.

[Joseph Putnam's farm was annexed to the town January 16, 1794.—Ed.]

[5-31] [*Relative to Militia Regiments, 1785.*]

To His Execellency the Presedent and the Honble the Senate & Honble House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire In General Court Assembled at Concord in said State

Humblety Sheweth the Selectmen of Hancock in the County of Hillsborough—In behalf of the Inhabitants of s^{d} Town—That at the last session of the Genl Court a vote past by which the 12th Rig^{t} of melitia was Divided and the west part Call^{d} N° 12 and the east part Call^{d} N° 23.

The Real situation & all the Circumstances of the towns that Now Compose the East Rigement we suppose was not then laid before the Honble Court for we believe if they had it would not have passed—wherefore we beg leave to say That the East Rig^{t} (viz) New Ipswich mason Wilton Temple Peterborough, Lyndsborough societ Hancock & Peterboroughslip Was all formerly of the fifth Regiment—That they pay 49-15-10 (*L s d*) to every £1000 of the State Taxes as will appear by the last proportion Act—And that the west or 12th as by s^{d} vote (viz) Ringe Fitzwilliam Jaffery Marlborough Dublin & Packersfield pays but £32-13 (*s*) which is not two thirds so much or in other words we pay £17-2-10 (*s d*) more to every £1000 than they which is more then half they pay—That we are Nine towns to their six—That more than 1100 poles was return'd in the last Inventory in ye Nine & but little more than 600 in the west Rig^{t} And That the most of the Towns in the East Reg^{t} was settled (viz), New Ipswich Wilton mason Peterborough & lyndsborough a Number of years before there was one Inhabitant in the six towns which Now takes away our Number—And that there is now four Field officers within the this Reg^{t} (to wit) Heald Willson Abbot & Clerk (which Cannot by the melitia Rules, which is only Honour) renew their Commitions in the 23^{d} regim^{t}—That in every point of view we Consider ourselves agreaved by said vote—Wherefore We Humbly pray your Excelency & Honours that the East Regiment (to wit) New Ipswich &c which is now call'd the 23^{d} regiment may be restored to their former Number Or that The Devision of s^{d} 12th Regiment may be made nul & void and be put to Gether as but one regiment & as In Duty bound shall pray

Jan^{ry} 27th 1785

David Hubbard
Edmond Davis
Moses Dennis
} Selectmen of Hancock in behalf of the Town

HANOVER.

The township was granted July 4, 1761, to Edmond Freeman and others.

Col. Edmond Freeman, who came from Mansfield, Connecticut, made a settlement in town in May, 1765. The following year Benj. Davis and Benj. Rice, from the same place, made settlements, and others came soon after from Coventry, Conn.

In 1770 there were about twenty families in town, living in log-houses. In September of that year Rev. Eleazer Wheelock, of Lebanon, Conn., settled in the town, and established Dartmouth college, a charter having been obtained from Governor Wentworth, dated December 13, 1769, for that purpose.

An additional grant was made to the proprietors of the township January 9, 1775, of some 2,000 acres on the north side of the town, in consequence of some misunderstanding concerning the bounds of the original grant.

About 300 acres of land in the south-west corner of the town was granted to Dartmouth college December 19, 1771, and 200 acres adjoining to Rev. Dr. Eleazer Wheelock, president of the college.

[5-32] [*Vote of the Town relative to its Boundaries, 1772.*]

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of Han^{r} Sep^{t} 23^{d} 1772 Voted that wheras it now appears to this Propriety uncertain whither they have a Legal Title to all the Land Contained within ye reputed Boundaries of s^{d} Hanover, we therfore think it Expedient to have the Matter relative thereto truly represented to his Excellency our Governor And to appoint Jonth Freeman as an agent for that purpose to act thereon and take such Methods for secureing the Charter of all ye Land within s^{d} Boundaries (if needful) as he shall think proper

A True Coppy of Record

Jonth Freeman Clerk

[5-33] [*Petition for an additional Grant, 1771.*]

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Capt General Governor & Commander in chief in and over His Majesty's province of New Hampshire, and Vice Admiral of the same, In Council

The petition of Jonathan Freeman of Hanover in the County of Grafton and province afores^{d} as Agent for the propriety of said Hanover, humbly sheweth—That whereas by the original Survey of s^{d} Hanover the Boundaries on Connecticut River were about Two hundred & twenty rods further distant from each other than the length of Lines as mentioned in said Charter, and the proprietors being ignorant of the same, run each of said lines from the river Connecticut S. 64° E. agreeable to the courses given in s^{d} Charter, and have lotted out and settled on said lands to each line, and have given considerable Tracts adjoining to each of said lines for the use of Dartmouth College, and being now convinced that said lines contain about Twenty seven Hundred Acres more than the Contents of s^{d} Charter, which if taken from the Propriet^{s} of Hanover will throw the Town into great confusion by breaking up Divisions, removeing Settlers, &c. We therefore humbly pray that Your Exc^{y} and Honors would grant to us the land contained with the above said Lines & not granted in the former Charter And we beg leave to assure your Exc^{y} and Honors that (as we have already One Hundred & ten Male Inhab^{ts} upwards of sixteen years of Age) so we will further pursue & encourage the settlement of s^{d} Town.

And your pet^{rs} as in duty Bound shall ever pray

Dated Wolfboro' Oct^{o} 8th 1772.

Jonth Freeman Agent
for s^{d} Hanover propriety.

Copy Exam^{d}

Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

Province of New Hampshire

In Council Feby 1st 1773

The within petition having been Read—Order'd thereupon—That the Clerk of the propriety of Lime, or the Select Men (if any there be) be served with a Copy of the petition & order of Council thereon at the cost of the pet^{rs} that they may be heard thereon on Tuesday the 23^{d} of March next to shew cause why the prayer of s^{d} petition may not be granted.

Copy

Theodore Atkinson Sec^{y}

Province of New Hampshire

Lime 22^{d} of Feb 7 1773

Then read the foregoing petition and Order of Council thereon within the Hearing of the selectmen of the Town of Lime,

and likewise left a True Coppy of s^d petition and Doings of the Council thereon, with the Clerk of s^d Lime Propriety

Peters Grant
Indifferent person

[5-35 is a plan showing the line in question. The grant was made January 9, 1775.—ED.]

[5-36] [*John Crane for Leave to establish a Hospital, 1773.*]

Province of New Hamp^re } To His Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captain General Governor & Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province afores^d and Vice Admiral of the same in Council—

The Humble Petition of John Crane of Hanover in the County of Grafton in the Province aforesaid Physician unto your Excellency and Honours shews—

That you Petitioner has a great Inclination of erecting an Hospital for Enoculation for the small Pox in some remote Part of said Town of Hanover under such Regulations as your Excellency & Honours may subject the Institution. Your Petitioner humbly concieves that there are many advantages that may result to the Public from his Intentions if permitted by y^r Excell^y & Hon^r especially as that Part of the Country will shortly be exposed to travellers from the Province of Canada and your Petitioner has in thought making the Hospital of publick Utility which he begs leave to lay before y^r Excellency & Honours in Person, if he may be indulged with an Audience and y^r Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Portsmouth May 28 1773

John Crane

[5-37] [*Jonathan Freeman relative to Hanover addition.*]

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Capt General Governor and Commander in chief in and over His Majesty's of New Hampshire and Vice Admiral of the same in Council

The Petition of Jonathan Freeman of Hanover in the County of Grafton and Province afores^d Humbly sheweth That your Petitioner being appointed as an Agent for the Proprietors of s^d Hanover (on the 23^d of Septr 1772) to procure a Charter of a piece of Land lying on the Northerly part of said Hanover to be confirmed to said Town and your Petitioner did on the 8th

of Octr 1772 Petition your Excellency and Honours for a grant of the aforesaid Land which Petition being read in Council Feby 1st 1773 it was ordered that the Clerk of the Propriety of Lime or select Men of s^d Town should be served with a Coppy of the said Petition and Order of Council thereon, and that the said Select Men and Proprietors were accordingly served with a Coppy of the said Petition on the 22^d of Feby 1773, all which may appear by the records and files of council and likewise by order of the Surveyor General a survey of the said Land has been made and return'd into his Office, all which has been attended with considerable Expense to your Petitioner and as the Proprietors of Lime have not appeared to shew cause why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted and the Proprietors of said Hanover having in Consequence of the encouragement hereby given us, of a grant of said Land proceeded in the cultivation and Settlement of the same, We therefore Humbly pray that your Excellency and Honours would be pleased to complete the grant agreeable to the prayer of the aforesaid Petition and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Dated Portsmouth July 23^d 1774

Jonathan Freeman
agent for Hanover prop^y

[4-38] [*Precept for the Election of a Representative, 1775.*]

In Congress at Exeter December 26th 1775, whereas a writ issued from the late Congress of this Colony directed to the Selectmen of Hanover requiring them to notify the legal Inhabitants paying Taxes in Hanover, Lebanon, Relhan [Enfield], Canaan, Cardigan, [Orange] & Grafton to meet at said Hanover and choose one Person to Represent them in General Congress to be held at Exeter the Twenty first day of December then next which Writ has been Returned by the Selectmen of said Hanover, and no return thereon Certifying the choice or appointment of any Person as directed. Therefore to the end that the Inhabitants of the aforesaid Town may not be unrepresented in the Present Congress. Resolved that the *following Writ Issue.*

COLONY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

THE CONGRESS OF SAID COLONY

TO THE SELECT-MEN OF HANOVER—IN SAID COLONY, GREETING. You are hereby required to notify the legal Inhabitants paying Taxes in the Towns of Hanover, Lebanon, Relhan, Canaan, Cardigan & Grafton (giving them fifteen Days Notice) to meet at some convenient Place in your Town, to

elect one Person (having a real Estate of the Value of Two Hundred Pounds Lawful Money in this Colony) to represent them in General Congress now setting at Exeter—And to impower such Representative for the Term of one Year from the 21st of December curt to transact such Business and pursue such measures as they may judge necessary for the public Good.

And in Case there should be a Recommendation from the Continental Congress that this Colony assume Government in any particular Form, which will require a House of Representatives, that they resolve themselves into such a House as the said Continental Congress shall recommend, and it is resolved that no Person be allowed a Seat in Congress, who shall by himself, or any Person for him, before said Choice, treat with Liquor, &c. any Electors, with an apparent View of gaining their Votes, or afterwards on that Account.

And the Person who shall be elected, You are to notify, that he attend at Exeter abovementioned. And make Return hereof with your Doings thereon.

By order of Congress,

MATTHEW THORNTON, PRESIDENT.

Exeter Nov. the 14th 1775.

E. THOMPSON, *Secretary.*

[No return was made on the back of the foregoing, as no representative was chosen. A similar precept, dated Sept. 30, 1776, was sent to the town, which was returned with the following endorsement on the back :—ED.]

[5-39]

Hanover Novr 27th 1776—

Pursuant to the within Precept We notified the Inhabitants paying Taxes in the Towns of Hanover Canaan and Cardigan to meet at the meeting house in said Hanover this day for the purposes within mentioned—Who being met passed the following Votes. Viz.

1. Voted unanimously That the Address of the Inhabitants of this and other Towns, to the People of the several Towns thro' this Colony, published by their Committees in July last, is truely expressive of our Sentiments respecting Representation and the unconstitutional Formation and proceedures of the present Assembly of this State—

2. Voted unanimously that we will not chuse a Representative as directed in the Precept issued by the Assembly of this State for the following Reasons Viz.

I. Because no plan of Representation is as yet formed in this

State consistant with the Liberties of a free people; in that the people have not universally had a full Representation in any Assembly since this State was declared independent of the Crown of Great Britain, by which declaration we conceive that the powers of Government reverted to the people at large and of course annihillated the political Existence of the Assembly which then was; notwithstanding which they have since presumed to act in the name of the people, and in their precept undertaken to prescribe & limit the mode of proceedure in our Choice of a Representative which it does not appear that they are to be chosen for the purpose of recognizing the rights of the people and assuming such Government as shall be agreeable to them, tho' nothing of that nature has at any time been done in this State; except a Plan formed by the Representatives of a part of this State, by which the whole Rights of the People are assumed by that House.

II. Because the Precept in Consequence of which this meeting was called is inconsistant with the Liberties of a free people; in that it directs to have different corporate Towns (who have a right to act by themselves in all Cases) to unite for the purpose of chusing a Representative and Counsellor

III. Because it limits us in our Choice to a Person who has a real Estate of £200. L. M. whereas we conceive that there ought to be no pecuniary Restriction; but that every Elector is capable to be elected.

3. Voted Unanimously that the Select Men be directed to make return of the foregoing Vote with the reasons annex'd together with the Precept to the Assembly proposed to be held at Exeter on the third wednesday in Decr next.

4. Voted unanimously that we will not give in our votes for a Counsellor as directed in the Precept I. Because we can see no important end proposed by their Creation, unless to negative the proceedings of the House of Representatives; which we humbly conceive ought not to be done in a free State.

II. Because every Elector ought to have a Voice in the Choice of each Counsellor (in Cases where they are needful)—and not be restricted in his Choice to any particular Limits within the State—For which Reason we protest against a Counsellor being chosen in this County, as directed in the Precept.

5. Voted unanimously that the Clerk be directed to make return of the last Vote with the Reasons annex'd, and our Protest, as the Precept directs relative to Vote for a Counsellor.

6. Voted that this meeting be dissolved—And it was accordingly dissolved

Attest^r

Ichabod Fowler } Select Men
Thomas Durkee } of Hanover

[5-40] [*Vote of the Town relative to the matter in Dispute.*]

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Hanover Feby 3^{d} 1777 Warned for considering and acting upon any matter that might relate to a Hand Bill from the Honble Meshech Weare Esqr in behalf of a Committee appointed by the assembly at Exeter Informing that the said Committee propose to be at m^{r} pains, at Hanover on the 10th of this Inst^{t} Feby to converse with any persons the people shall appoint in order to give them all the satisfaction they can with regard to the proceedings of the said assembly for the promoting peace harmony &c. This meeting having taken the matter under consideration and being desirous of facilitating any design to promote peace and Harmony as well as secure the Liberties of the people thro' this state Think it necessary that m^{r} Weare be informed that this Town have heretofore appointed their Committee to join with the Committee of a number of Towns within this State for the purpose of pursuing some proper measures to obtain a redress of those Grievences we Labour under in consequence of the proceedings of the late Congress and Assembly at Exeter, that the doings of said Joint Committees have been laid before and approbated by said Town, that their meeting stands adjourned to the 13th of this Instant Feby at Mr Ordways at Lebanon; and that we think it Expedient that in this matter we act in concert with said Joint Committees as it appears to us the most likely method to answer the End proposed namely to satisfy the minds of the people and promote Harmony and peace which we Earnestly desire may be effected on reasonable Terms, for which reason we omit appointing any persons to meet the Committee at m^{r} Pains and refer them to the aforesaid meeting at Lebanon.

Voted that the select Men be desired forthwith to send a Coppy of the Above to m^{r} Weare

David Woodward Moderator

A True Coppy Attest Jonathan Freeman Clerk

To The Honble Meshech Weare Esq: and the other gentlemen of the Committe appointed by the Assembly at Exeter to endeavour to satisfy those persons in the western part of the State of N. Hampshire who are Dissatisfied with the proceedings of s^{d} Assembly on their Journey to Hanover Via Walpole

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[R. 2-63] [*Petition of Lieut. John House, 1779.*]

To the Honble the Council & House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in general Assembly convened

Humbly Shews John House of Hanover in the County of Grafton That in September 1775 upon the Requisition of the late General Montgomery for the People upon Connecticut River within this State to turn out to his Assistance at the Seige of S[t] Johns Capt Israel Curtis & your Petitioner raised a Company of men who engaged as Volunteers for two months (of which Company he was chosen Lieutenant) & served at the said Seige—That in order to the Equipping & marching said Company as Expeditiously as possible the said Captain & he upon their joint credit supply[d] said Company with Thirty five Blankets & Six Camp Kettles—That after the Reduction of S[t] Johns the said Company was taken into the Continental Service & the Command thereof devolved upon him That the said Articles were worn out or lost in said Service in Canada—That the said Captain died in Canada, insolvent & your Petitioner has since been apply[d] to, for pay for said Blankets & Kettles & has accordingly paid for the same Wherefore he prays the matter may be taken into Consideration & that he may have an adequate Compensation granted him—& as bound shall pray &c

March 24th 1779

John House

Dismist

[R. 2-64] [*Petition of Thomas Clark, Soldier, addressed to the General Assembly, 1783.*]

The Petition of Thomas Clark of Hanover in the County of Grafton—Humbly Shews—That at the Commencement of the present War he inlisted as a soldier during said War in the first New Hampshire Regiment—That in the year 1777 he was wounded, & rendered incapable of service—That in April 1778 he procured a Furlough and returned Home, where he remained sick, and unable to do any business during the term of Fifteen months—That on the sixteenth day of June Anno Domini 1781, he procured an able bodied Man to serve in his stead during the War, and on the same day was discharged. That he paid to the Man he so procured one hundred spanish Mill'd Dollars, * * *—

Sam[l] Maccluer in behalf of the Petitioner—

[R. 2-65] [*Petition of Lieut. James Goold, 1783.*]

To the honorable General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire Humbly Sheweth

The petition of James Gould a Lieutenant in Col[o] Cilley's

Regiment in Capt Houses company in the Continental service—That your Petitioner being wounded in the Continental service in Sept 1777 and thereby rendered unfit for duty was afterwards placed on half pay—and that he has not received the depreciation money due previous thereto—* * *

James Goold

Concord Novr 5th 1783.

[R. 2–68]

[In a petition dated June, 1793, he, the said Goold, states that "a short time before the taking of Genl Burgoyne, in an engagement with the enemy he received a wound by a shot of a musquet ball through his body."—Ed.]

[R. 2–61] [*Peter Johnson, Bunker Hill Soldier.*]

[The two following documents have come to light since the Enfield papers were in print:—Ed.]

State of New Hampshire

I the subscriber do certify that Peter Johnson Now an inhabitant in the town of Enfield in said state was a soldier in Capt Goardin Huthens Compiny and Col Starks Rigimant and was personely Preasent in the Battel at Bunk hill then and there Receive a wound by a muskit ball in his Rite arm I then being a Chirurgeon in said Rigimant took care of said wound and with my own hand extracted several Peases of Boons out of said arm and found the Cords very much damaged

Certifyd By your very Humble Servt

Doctor Benjamin Tiffany

hanover December the 21 : 1788

[David Curtis, Moses Jones, and David Choat, selectmen of Enfield, certified to his being unable to support his family of five small children, in consequence of said wound. Dated Dec. 15, 1788.—Ed.]

[R. 2–60.] [*Soldiers' Orders, 1786.*]

Sir please to pay the bearer the whole that is due to me as a

Soldier in Capt Samuel Paines Company to the Northward in the year 1780

Nathaniel Ketchum

Hanover Jan 7th 1786.

to the paymaster of said Com^{y}

£10, 13, 9.

[Orders bearing the same date, in similar language, were signed by John Durkee, £10, 13, 8, and Benjamin Smith, £11, 14, 9. The following men signed orders for pay for service done in Capt. Abel Stevens's company, in 1780.

Elinda Brown	£8, 16, 2	Corpl. Silas Tenney,	£9, 10, 9
Jonathan Woodward	8, 16, 2	"robud Hase,"	10, 14, 1
Salmon Dow	10, 14, 1	Daniel Jacobs	8, 16, 2

—Ed.]

[From "A return of Provisions which Hanover Men in Capt Freemans Comp In Col^{o} Jonathan Chases Reg^{t} Brought from home with them Sep^{t} 26, 1777" I copy the following names.—Ed.]

Edmund Freeman	Nat Wright	Wm Woodward
David Eaton	Wm Dewey	Salv^{s} Freeman
Jehial Woodward	Silas Tinney	Elisha Smith
David Wright	Jonth Curtis	Thos Brown
Benjn Davis	Danl Kindrick	Nat Lord
Jos^{h} Curtis	Step^{h} Benton	Dav^{d} Chandler
Wm Chandler	Hem^{n} Durkee	John Durkee
David Tinney	Elij^{h} Smith	Step^{h} Murch

[*From Gen. Chase's Papers.*]

A List of the ofisers & Soldiers Engaged in the Continental Service out of the Second company of militia in Hannover under the command of cp^{t} Joshua Henda

in new hampshear Service

Leu^{t} Daniel Clapp	Sergant William Winton
Sergant jotham Stearns	
Privates thomas Clark	John Baldwin

in the Service of new york and the State of Vermont

Major John Whelock		Capt Comfort Sever
Lieu^{t} Elezer Whelock		Lieu^{t} John Payne
Sergant Asa huntington		Sergant Samuel Clap
Isac Osbon	Jonathan gillit	Elijah Hammon
William Broughton	Benjamin Chase	john Wilcoks
Benjamin Larrabe	Zebina Curtis	John Stockbridge

This return made By Simeon Dewey Ensign of s^{d} Company

hannover Sep. 8th 1777

Capt Freemans Return [no date].

Names of Hanover men

Sarg^{t} Saml Slade	Aaron Smith	Ezekel Parker
Able Bridgman	Deliverance Wood-ward Jr	Zopher Kitcham
Robert Mason		Elez^{r} Hill
Ruben Tenney	Danel Taylor	Medad Taylor

A return of the men that went into the continental service out of my company for the state of New Hampshier

William Winton aged 42 five feet six inches high place of abode when listed was Hanover
Jotham Stearnes aged 35 six feet high place of abode when listed Hanover
thomas Clark aged 36 five feet five inches high place of abode when inlisted Hanover
the three men above written inlisted with Capt House in Col^{l} Silleys Rigement
John Bolden an indion five feet eight inches high aged 28 his place of abode has generally ben at Dartmouth Colege in Hanover he inlisted with Capt Farewell in Colo^{l} Silleyes Rigement

Joshua Hendee Capt

Hanover April ye 13 1778

To Colon^{l} Jonathan Chase att Cornish

Col. Chase

Sir I have with the officers and the Concurrence of the town have proseede to Raise the three months men and have done as follows have inlisted four men and Drafted the other too. the Names of the inlisted are as follows Silas Tenny Elinda

Brown Daniel Jacobs and Jonathan Woodward—the Drafted ones Ebenz^{r} Kindrick and Abijah Smith Mr Kindrick has paid his fine

Thomas Durkee Lieu^{t}

Hanover July the 10 Instant 1780

To Col^{o} Jon^{a} Chase

Sr This may Certify that Robert Mason John Pindal & Medad Taylor all of this Town have this week inlisted into Capt Houses Company Col^{o} Sillys Regiment for the Term of three years and have been mustered by Maj. Jon^{a} Child Muster Master

Hanover march 20th 1778

Attest Jon^{a} Freeman L^{t}

also Davis by information of Lt Durgee

[5-41] [*Petition to have a part of Hanover incorporated into a new Town, 1783.*]

To the honorable Council and Assembly of the State of New Hampshire. Humbly sheweth The petition of the subscribers residents of a destrict of land hereafter described in the vicinity of Dartmouth College in the county of Grafton and State of New Hampshire That at the settlement of said College in the southwest part of Hanover A. D. 1770 it was proposed that a distinct town or parish should be formed contiguous to it out of the towns of Hanover and Lebanon; in compliance with which proposal the said towns have passed votes expressing their consent that it may be effected—That the inhabitants within said territory have formed settlements there in expectation that such town would soon be formed; and great inconveniences must arise on account of their situation from a connection with Hanover and Lebanon in town matters—That in consideration of such inconvenience and by consent of said towns the said inhabitants have transacted matters separate from the said towns for near six years last past, which *necessity* has at many times in the course of the war compelled them to in cases of alarms &C as a separate military company was established there before the commencement of the war—Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that all that part of the town of Hanover bounded southerly by the southern line of said town, eastwardly by the two mile road (so called) and the second hundred acre lots drawn to the original rights of the first Minister and Prince

Freeman northwardly by the southern and western lines of the second hundred acre lots drawn to the original rights of John Sherwin Stephen Walcot Nathan Wright and Otiss Freeman and the fifty third river lot, and westwardly by the western line of said Hanover—Also all that part of the town of Lebanon bounded as follows viz. Beginning at an hemlock tree (marked 4 on the south side and 5 on the north side) being the northwest corner of said Lebanon thence running eastwardly on the northwardly line of said town three miles to a white pine tree marked 3 thence turning off at right angles and running southerly one mile and a half, thence turning at right angles and running westwardly to the westward line of said town, thence northerly on said line to the first mentioned bound be incorporated and erected into a distinct town and be invested with such privileges and immunities as other towns within the State have and enjoy, and so as shall best subserve the rights and interest of said College,

And we would further request that Bezaleel Woodward Esqr (whom we have appointed our Agent in this matter) may be heard on the premises in our behalf as occasion may require.

And as in duty bound shall ever pray &C

Dresden October 24th 1783

John Young	Simeon Dewey	Daniel Gould
Joseph Lee	Aaron Storrs	Joseph Green
Asahel Warren	John Crane	Luther Ingals
Sam^{el} Green	Saml Maccluer	Benjn Colt
John Smith	Jabez Bingham	Ebenez. Fitch
James Goold	Daniel Clapp	George Eager
BEZA WOODWARD	Laban Gates	Sylvanus Ripley
Dan^{el} Porter	Benoni Dewey	Eleazar Wheelock
Eben Brewster	Parker Smith	

[5-42] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire Grafton ss Decr 21st A D 1783.

Then Russel Freeman and Aaron Storrs a committee of the town of Hanover each personally appeared and made solemn oath that they have carefully computed the number of male polls of twenty one years of age and upwards paying for themselves a poll tax in said Hanover and find the said number to be one hundred and fifty four.

Sworn before BEZA WOODWARD Justice of Peace

[5-43] [*Petition for the Appointment of a Magistrate, 1784.*]

To his Excellency, the President: the Hon. Council for the State of New Hampshire.

The Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of the town of Hanover, in the County of Grafton in s^d State; Humbly Sheweth that the Inhabitants of the Town; are so large, as to be more than a Competent number for one Representative; and that the Settlements are made in almost every part of s^d town; and at present, we have no Justice of the Peace appointed, except Mr Woodward; who lives in that part called the College District, which is at one Corner of the Town, and remote from the main body of the Inhabitants; which renders it very in conveniant for the People back from the College part.

We therefore, pray, that your Excellency, and Hon^ns, would take our Case into your wise and Candid Consideration; and at your Next meeting to appoint the Authority, in the State, would Nominate, and appoint Mr Russel Freeman: to the office of Justice of the peace: and your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, will ever Pray.

Hanover Novr 27nd 1784.

Stephen Herrick
Salmon Dow
Calvin Topliff
Simeon Forbes
Augustus Storrs
Nathaniel Woodward
Benjamin Plumley
Elijah Hurlbutt
william woodward
Silvanus Freeman
John Ordway
John Wright Jun.
Edward Smith
John Tenny
Solomon Jacobs
Nat. Heaton
Samuel Slade
Phinehas Page
Deluno Wright
Thomas Miner
Joel Brown
John Durkee
David Tenny
Lemuel Dowe
Silas Tenny
John williams
Thos Durkee
Eldad taylor
Abijah Durkee
Timothy Owen
Nathaniel Ketcham
Abel parks
Webster Hall
Perley Buck
Asa hill
Eliezar hill
Daniel Chandler
Samuel Hase
David hase
Robart hase
Benjamin Tiffany
James Tiffany
Israel Camp
Nathanael Hurlbutt Jun.
Reuben Tenny
David Woodward
Asahel Warren
Abijah Smith
Asa Parker
Timothy Parker
John Smith
Elijah Wolly
Robert Mason
John Wright
Peter Knap
David Wright
Peter Walker
Zadoc Brown
Elinda Brown
Peter Knap Jn

[5-44] [*Petition for an Issue of Paper Money, 1784.*]

State of Newhampshire

To his Excellincy the Presidant the honourable the Senate and house of Representatives for Said State in general assembly Convened

The petition of us the Subscribers being inhabitants of Said State Most humbly Shueth that your petitioners with others the inhabitants of this State Labour under great Inconveanancy for want of a Courancy or medium Sufficient To transeact the Common busness between Man and man But more Espeically for the payment of publick taxes in this State and as the State is greatly in debt and have Issued their State Nots to a Large amount for the Interest of which they are annually Taxed as well as for part of the principal and wheras the State is also Caulled upon and Taxed for a Very Large Sum for the payment of interest on Contenental Loan office Certificates issued in this State the payment of all which is Rendered Next To imposable for the Scarcety of money—Notwithstanding your petitioners are Desireous to Discharge their publick Debets with the Strictest honour And integrity that Nature of Things will admit your petitioners therefore Pray your Excellincy and honours would ammediatly Make and issue a Sum or bank of paper money Sufficient to pay of and Discharge all Such State Notes and Contenantal Loan office Certificats issued in this State as aforesaid and that Said paper money might Be made a Tender in all past or future taxes in this State and answer in all payments in the publick Treasury and in all payments in all private Contracts whatSoever—or otherwise Releave your petitioners as to your Excellincy and honours in your wisedom Shall Seem meet and your petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray—

Hanover Sepr 28th 1784—

Ebe^{r} Brewster	Aaron Storrs	Tilly Howe
John marshall	John Payne	John Crane
Benj^{a} Chase	Jabez Bingham	Parker Smith
Sam^{ll} McCluer	James Goold	Benoni Dewey
Daniel Gould	Ebenezer Fitch	John House
Zechariah Weston	Ralph Wheelock	Benj^{m} Coult
Nicholas Gilman	Calvin Waldo	Joseph green
George Foster	John Ordway	Enos Kellogg
Joel Brown	Nathaniel Hulbert Junr	Thos Durkee
Wm Taylor		David Tinny
Luther Lincoln	David Woodward	Stephen Benton

Nathaniel Heaton	Webster Hall	Eldad Taylor
James Murch	John Willis	David Eaton
David Chandlar	Saml Hase	Able Parker
David Hase	Wm Hunt	Silas Tinny
Jacob Eaton	John Bridgman	Joshua Cushman
Jon^{n} Curtice	Stockm^{n} Sweat	Jon^{n} Beard
Asa Hill	Gideon Rudd	Ebene^{r} Wright
Lemuel Dowe	Andrew Tenny	Reuben Tenny
John Williams	John Tenny	David wright

[Some of the foregoing were students at the college, and not residents of Hanover.—Ed.]

[5-45] [*Relative to a Road through Town, laid out by a Legislative Committee, 1786.*]

To the Honourable the General Court of the State of New Hampshire

The petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Hanover in the County of Grafton Humbly sheweth

That in the oppinion of your petitioners, the County road as laid by the states Committee through said town of Hanover, May be altered to great advantage to the public in general as well as to this Town in particular, as we are fully persuaded we can show where a road may be laid through said Town on more suitable land for the purpose both on account of the Hills and dryness of the Land, and the distance of which from the College to the Southeastly corner of said Town will not be so great as where ye road is now laid by more than one mile & half—That this alteration will save ye Town great expence in making said road, and as the Committee who laid said road had not the Benefit of viewing this place, Your petitioners would Humbly pray your Honours to take this matter into your wise consideration, and to appoint an Impartial Committee to look into the aforesaid matter and act thereon as may be most conducive to the public good—

And your petitioners and in Duty bound shall ever pray

June 3^{d} 1786

Nathl Babbit } A committee in behalf
Gideon Tiffany } of Said Town

[5-47] [*Petition for a Grant to make a Canal, etc., 1792.*]

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Newhampshire to be convened at Dover June 1792—

The Petition of Ebenezer Bruster Aaron Hutchinson & Rufus Graves

Humbly sheweth That whereas the rendering Connecticut river navigable for boats is an object of the greatest Importance to the Inhabitants of that Country and ingrosis the attention of all the states thro' which the river passes and grants have actually been obtained for locking all the falls below the Towns of Lebanon & Hanover in this State

And whereas the erecting of a Bridge over said river against one or other of said Towns would also be of great advantage to said Country and the public in general, and your Petitioners being disposed to undertake said Business provided they can meet with sufficient encouragement—Pray your Honors to grant to them their heirs and assigns forever the exclusive priviledge of cuting a Cannal and locking all the falls between the south line of Lebanon and the north Line of Hanover aforesaid and of erecting a Bridge within the limmits aforesaid Under such regulations and restrictions as your Honors shall Judge proper—

and your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Hanover June 1st 1792

Ebenezer Brewster
Aaron Hutchison
Rufus Graves

[In H. of Rep., the foregoing petition was referred to a committee, who made the following report:—Ed.]

[5-46]

State of New Hampshire

In the House of Representatives June 13th 1792—

The Committee on the petition of Ebenizer Brewster and others reported, That the prayer thereof be so far granted, as that the petitioners have leave to cut canals and lock all the falls in Connecticut River between the mouth of Mink brook in Hanover and the eddy below the lower bar of White River falls in Lebanon, and likewise the privilege of building a toll bridge over said River in any place within the limits aforesaid, not to interfere with private property, or the grant of any ferry, with-

out compensation to the owner; and that they have leave to bring in a bill accordingly—Which report having been read and considered it was voted that the same be received and accepted—

Sent up for Concurrence

Jn° Sam Sherburne Speaker

[They were incorporated by an act passed June 20, 1792. —Ed.]

[5-48] [*Isaac Rogers's Petition for a Ferry, 1794.*]

To the Honourable The General Court of the state of New Hampshire to be holden at Amherst the first Wednesday in June 1794

The Petition of Isaac Rogers of Hanover in the County of Grafton in s^d state; humbly sheweth, that there is no public ferry kept over the River Connecticut from Brewster^s ferry in Lime so call^d to the Colledge ferry in the lower part of s^d Hanover, the distance of About nine miles, that there is About four miles of s^d river opposite to the upper part of s^d Hanover, which remains ungranted; that your petitioner Owning the land Adjoining to s^d river within the Aforesaid ungranted part; and where a ferry will be most Convenient; He therefore pray^s that Your Honours would Grant to him his heirs and assigns the Exclusive right of keeping a ferry over s^d river, from Lime for three miles down s^d river; and Your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

Hanover May 28th 1794

Isaac Rogers—

The Subscribers select Men of Hanover are satisfied that the facts stated in the within petition are true that the s^d Ferry will be A public benifit are desireous the prayer of the within petition may be granted

Joseph Curtiss } Select
Samuel Slade } Men

Att a Legal Meeting held March 8th 1790

Voted that Gideon Smith of Hanover have the Approbation of the Ferry

True Copy Attest Joel Brown T. Clerk

This may Certify the Honourable General Court that I Gideon Smith have sold the land Adjoining s^d^ river to the Above petitioner and humbly pray that the Above Grant be made to the within Petitioner

Gideon Smith

HAVERHILL.

The township was granted May 18, 1763, to John Hazzen and 74 others, some of whom were from Haverhill, Mass., and the town derived its name from that place. It had previously borne the name of Lower Cohos, and was a favorite place with the Indians, who had a fort on the bank of the river, near where Capt. John Hazzen settled in 1764.

By an act approved June 21, 1815, the town was divided into two parishes. Samuel Morey of Orford, Jonathan Merrill of Warren, and Samuel Hutchins of Bath, were appointed to run the divisional line between the two parishes.

Among its prominent men prior to 1800 was Hon. Moses Dow, a native of Atkinson, and a graduate of Harvard college in 1769. He was elected a member of congress by the legislature of this state in 1784, but declined the honor. He was a member of the New Hampshire senate in 1784, and of the council in 1785 and 1786, and again in 1792, and was a judge of the court in Grafton county at the time of his death, March 31, 1811, aged 64.

[5-49] [*Petition for a Ferry, 1772.*]

To his Excellencey John Wentworth Esqr Captain General Governor and Commander in Cheif in and over the Province of New Hampshire and vice Admiral of the Same In Councill—

The Petition of Thomas Johnson of Newbury in the County of Gloucester & Province of New York, humbly Sheweth that by Charter, there is but one Ferry, Across Connecticut River in Haverhill in the County of Rockingham, by Charter allowed to be kept, which by said Charter ought to be kept within one mile of the Point of the *little Ox Bow* (so Call'd) as said

River runs and that said Ferry so allow'd to be kept, hath hitherto been, kept, more than four miles above said Point, as said River runs, and that there hath, for a number of Years before the making-out said Charter, a Boat been kept and us'd, for the Conveniency of Travellers, passing said River, at ye Place where the publick Highway passes s^d River from said Haverhill to said Newbury near the now Dwelling House of Richard Chamberlin in said Newbury which place is almost two miles below s^d Point, of the little Ox Bow, where your Petitioner beggs Leave to Say a Ferry ought Still to be kept for the Conveniencey of Travellers, Whereupon your Execellency's Petitioner, humbly prays, that Your Excellency would Grant him, Liberty to Sett up & keep a Ferry, accross said River, at or near s^d places where said Highway passes, from said Haverhill to s^d Newbury by ye House of s^d Chamberlin under usual Regulations & Restrictions and as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

Ports^o Novem^r 13, 1772.

thom^s Johnson

[5-51]

[A plan of a portion of Connecticut river. The ferry asked for was granted November 11, 1774—Ed.]

[5-50] [*Extract from Grant to Asa Porter.*]

the Sole right of keeping a Ferry & keeping useing and employing a Ferry Boat or Boats for the Transporting of Men Horses Goods Cattle Carriages &c from the Shore of Haverhill afores^d—cross Connecticut river to the opposite Shore of Newbury & from s^d Newbury to the oppose Shore of Haverhill within one Mile on a Strait Line from that Part of HaverHill called the Point of the little Ox Bow being a Point of medow Land now in Possesion of Capt John Hazzan To Hold &c

And as a further encouragement to the said Asa Porter in and about the premises, we Will that none of our loving Subjects do presume to molest or interrupt the s^d Asa Porter in his said Ferry or set up any other Ferry upon or Across the said River Connecticut, within One Mile above or below the Ferry of the said Asa Porter.

The above Two Paragraphs extracted from the Record of the Grant of Mr. Asa Porter's Ferry across Connect^t River from Haverhill to Newbury, and are truly Copied from thence

Attest^r Theodore Atkinson Sec^y

[5-51] [*Report of the Committee on the matter of Granting a Ferry to Thomas Johnson.*]

Pursuant to a Vote of Councill appointing us a committee to consider of the petition of Thom^s Johnson for the priveledge of a Ferry across Connecticut river between the Towns of Haverhill and Newbury also the grant made to Asa Porter Esqr of a Ferry priveledge between said Towns beg Leave to report as follows. The grant made to Asa Porter Esqr we suppose fixes the place where said ferry is to be kept at the point of the little Ox Bow and that the priveledge of one mile above and one mile below said point is to be measured upon the river agreable to its general course, but upon viewing the plans exhibited to us by the Parties we find that the ferry now kept by Mr Porter is between three & four miles upon the river above said point & the place fixed upon by Mr Johnson is near Two miles upon the river below the aforesaid point. it also appears to us absolutely necessary for the public utility that two ferries be established across the River between the aforesaid Towns & nearly in the places now fixed upon by Messrs Porter & Johnson as there is no Spot upon the river within a mile either above or below said point convenient for keeping a ferry we would also humbly suggest that care should be taken in all such grants that the Taxes arising therefrom should be paid in this Government

D Peirce
D Rogers

[5-52] [*Relative to dead Body found, 1776.*]

Mr Crocker

The Bearer Mr Chamberlain informs me, that the Body of poor John Presson drowned this afternoon is just now taken up, and they are in quest of a Coroner to set upon him—I woud inform you, (if you are not already knowg to it) that you were appointed by the General Court at Exeter a Coroner for this County, and in Case you are willing to accept the Office, I am ready to administer the Oath—that you may do the Duty necessarily required & wch please to let me know immediately—

Yr hum Servt

J Hurd

Haverhill 9th Aug^st 1776

Mr Crocker returnd this Billet with an Answer, that he did not chuse to accept the Office, for he did not like our form of Govern^t

To Mr And^w S: Crocker present pr Mr Chamberlain

Col^o Hurd begs leave to recommend Mr Simeon Gooding of Haverhill (in the room of And^w S: Crocker)—for a Coroner—

[5-53] [*Enoch Bartlet's Complaint, 1780.*]

To the Honb^le the Council And Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Court Assembled

The Petition Memorial And Address of Enoch Bartlet of Haverhill Humbly Shews.—

That he Your petitioner has lately Suffered Much injury by a Sort of Banditti who in Contempt of all laws did at Northumberland in the County of Grafton in Said State in September last without Any colour of right commit a most horid ravage, by entering Upon his Your petitioners Grist Mill And Saw Mill in Said Northumberland (lately erected or repaired at a great expence) And Cut and destroy'd the wheels Shafts &c And took Away all the Iron Work of Said Mills Mill Stones and other Gear And a Quantity of Boards and Carried them a Cross Connecticut River into the State Called Vermont And improved them for other Mills—And have Since when demanded refused pay for the damages done—And that he having Apply'd to Gentlemen of the law in order to bring his Process Against the trespassers is informed by them, that Unless Some further provision is Made by the legislators of the State the good And wholesome laws of it Cannot be carried into execution—And As it has ever been esteem'd a great and most valuable part of our English liberties And Constitution founded on Magna Charta—That Justice and right Should Not be delay'd or denied to Any Man—And as the Suppression of laws And good Order in a State is Attended with Anarchy And the most fatal Consequences—He therefore humbly prays that you As the guardians of the just rights of the people And as legislators of the State will make provisions for the due And just Administration of Justice by law in every part of it—

And your petitioner is humbly of Opinion that if Such flagrant Acts of injustice Are conniv'd at And Not prosecuted, Every ones property in that county will be in danger, And that if he Shall Again furnish Stones Iron truck &c And repair Said Mills for the benefit of the Inhabitants he cannot think they will be Secure Against Such Free Bootery—And your petitioner also further Says—That he has Suffered much at the town of Bath in s^d County for that he could not enforce the Contract Against his Tenant who has improved his house And land there

for Some Years past—And for that on his Said Tenants leaving it without Notice, He by his attorney was obliged to let it on Very disadvantageous terms to procure one to enter immediately, To prevent one who was going to enter And get Possession of it without leave

And Further Says that he cannot Suppose that his affairs (tho not the most trivial) will alone put you Upon Acting on the affair; But that a due consideration of the many Instances of Fraud, Injustice and oppression that prevails in that County Since the laws were Suppress'd—will influence You to Make the Necessary Provision Pray'd for And he As in duty bound Shall ever pray—

Enoch Bartlet

June 22d 1780—

[R. 2-71] [*Abstract from the Petition of George Moor, Soldier, 1783.*]

[In a petition, dated Haverhill, June 6, 1783, George Moor states that he leased a piece of land in Haverhill of Capt. Joseph White, of Newbury; that said White left and joined the enemy in Canada, and thereby his property was confiscated by the state. He wants the state to recognize his claim as lessee, and sell him the land for what it was worth when he took the lease. He further states, "that upon the breaking out of the Troubles at Lexington he went down as a Volunteer and Engaged in the service for Eight Months, and afterwards engaged with Colo: Bedel and went to Canada and was under the command of Genl Sullivan upon the Retreat, and have since been in all the different calls for Men."—Ed.]

[R. 2-72] [*John French, Armorer, 1780.*]

Haverhill 21st Novr 1780—

This may Certify that John French workd as an armour for the Troops Raised for the Defence of these frontiers by the state of New Hampshire three months in the year 1780—

Benja Whetcomb
Major Comdt

[John French, of Haverhill, petitioned November 7, 1783, for pay for said service, and was allowed "three pounds over and above the pay he received as a soldier."—Ed.]

[5-54] [*Moses Dow declines to accept an Election as a Member of the Congress of the United States.*]

Haverhill Oct° 4th 1784.

Sir

Having lately received from your Secretary a copy of the vote of the Gen[l] Court, appointing the Hon'ble Abiel Foster, Jon[a] Blanchard & John Langdon Esquires, with myself delegates to represent this State in the Congress of the United States, the ensuing year. I take this opportunity to make my sincere and hearty thanks, to your Excellency & the Court for the honor done me in this appointment.

I feel the most agreeable sensations, when I find, that I possess so much of the confidence of my fellow-citizens, as leads them to such an election and as I have always made it my principal design, uprightly to endeavor the promotion of the public good, my ambition is highly gratified, while I thus experience the public approbation.

I acknowledge the appointment, to be honorable, & very respectable, and conceive, the tour & employment would be exceeding pleasant and agreeable—and that all the unhappiness I should find in the pursuit, would arise from a consciousness of my inability to render that service to the State, my inclination would dictate.

As I have had no apprehension, but some two of the three worthy Gentlemen, at the same time elected, who are experienced, & much better qualified for the purpose, at this important and critical juncture, when matters of the last Consequence are before Congress, which require the greatest wisdom & perseverance, would have undertaken the representation of the State, I have intirely neglected every necessary preparation.

The present infirm state of my health, the real conviction of my inequality to the business of the mission, and many other circumstances, unnecessary to be mentioned, render it extremely difficult, or rather impossible for me to engage in a trust so arduous & interesting; And I doubt not but the candor of your Excellency, and of the worthy members of the General Court, will readily apologize for, and excuse me, while I say that I cannot conceive it to be my duty, or by any means, see my way clear, at this time, to undertake an appointment of such weight & importance

With the highest sentiments of esteem, I have the honor, to subscribe myself,

your Excellency's
most obedient & most humble Servant

Moses Dow

His Excellency Meshech Weare Esquire President of the State of New Hampshire.

[It is difficult in these times to believe that any man would decline to accept an election as member of the United States Congress, on the plea of a lack of ability to fill the position.—ED.]

[5-55] [*Vote of Town relative to Paper Money, 1786.*]

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Haverhill the Eleventh Day of December 1786, Voted Unanimously, that a Paper Currency be Emitted on the following plan—Viz

That One Hundred Thousand pounds be Emitted,—Twenty Thousand pounds to be in Suitable bills to defray the Charges of Government & to Exchange for such publick securities as may be offered at their current Exchange, which is to be Assertain'd, and to carry no Interest but to be receivable in Taxes & all demands of Governm^t and a tender in all cases equal to silver and Gold & to be called in by Taxes Annually—The residue to be made in different Bills Expressing their import & to be Loaned to individuals at five per cent on landed Security of double the value & to be paid into the Treasury at proper times which shall carry an Interest of Two & half per cent, & so receivable in all Demands of Government and a Tender in all cases as above—with the Interest due on said bills at the time of Payment—

A true Coppy

Attest Andrew S. Crocker Town Clerk

[For action of the legislature on the matter, see Vol. XI, p. 130.—ED.]

[5-56] [*Selectmen's Protest to the grant of a Ferry to Ezekiel Ladd.*]

To the Hon'ble the Senate & the Hon'ble House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Court to be convened at Exeter on the fourth Wednesday of December 1788

Humbly shew the Subscribers Selectmen of Haverhill, in behalf of said Town that they have been honored with the copy of the petition of Ezekiel Ladd Esqr for the grant of ferry in this Town & the order of Court thereon & beg leave to object to granting that privilege to an individual, when very many of the inhabitants of this town have equal pretensions to it—This

town was a frontier during the late war & much exposed to & harrassed by the enemy—whereby they were obliged to expend great sums of money, as well as time & labor, for their own safety as well as for the public good, for a great part of which they have hitherto laid no claim for reward or compensation—

That the grant of all privileges of ferries in this Town, not already made, would be considered by the inhabitants as some compensation for said services & sufferings

Wherefore your petitioners, in behalf & at the direction of said town pray your Honors that all the privileges & emoluments of ferries across Connecticut river against said town, not already chartered, may be granted & secured to & for the benefit of the Inhabitants of said Town & their successors forever

And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

Charles Johnston
Andrew S Crocker
Joseph Hutchins
Nat^el Merill
} Selectmen of Haverhill

[5-57] [*Petition for an Act of Incorporation for the Academy, 1793.*]

To the Honorable the Senate, and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire; In General Court to be Convened at Exeter on the Twenty-fifth day of December 1793—

Humbly shew the Subscribers, that they have lately Erected and finished a large and Commodious Building for an Accademy In the Southwardly part of the Town of Haverhill, and have employed a Gentleman of Liberal Education every way eminently qualifyed for a Preceptor of an Accademy at their own Expence; and about thirty Pupils are already admitted there for Education, In the Usefull arts and Sciences; and the prospect is very flattering to be of great Utility to the Publick and especially to the rising Generation; and the undertakers are determined to spare no pains to make it answer every purpose that can accompany such an Institution—

Wherefore they pray your Honors; to grant them an Incorporation, to enable them with more propriety and Efficacy to pursue their Object, and render Service to the Publick—

And your Petitioners as In duty bound shall ever pray—

Dated at Haverhill 18th Decr 1793

Charles Johnston	Asa Boynton	Moody Bedel
Saml Brooks	Jonn Page	Joseph Bliss
Michael Johnston	Israel Swan	Moor Russell
Amos Fisk	Joshua Young	Chrisp B Noyes

Managers (viz)

Charles Johnston Esqr	Joseph Bliss	John Page
Moses Dow Esqr	Samuel Brooks	

[The petition was granted Jan. 14, 1794.—ED.]

[5-58] [*Subscriptions towards building a Bridge over Connecticut River, 1794.*]

Whereas Benjamin Chamberlin of Newbury proposes building a bridge over Connecticut River betwixt Haverhill & s^{d} Newbury at or near the place where he & his fathers have kept a ferry for more than thirty years, that is from the beginning of the first settlements in said Towns to the present time—which is upon the nearest—best & oldest road for passing said river from the State of New Hampshire into the State of Vermont & to the northerly & north westerly settlements therein & to Canada—And has petitioned the General Court of the State of New Hampshire to grant him the privilege of building & tending a bridge at said place for reasonable toll

And whereas we the subscribers are of opinion that this is the best & easiest place of any betwixt said Towns to build a bridge & the place where it is most likely for a bridge to stand—& best situated to serve the public—

Therefore We are desirous of becoming adventurers & undertakers in promoting a plan so beneficial to the public good & as we conceive, advantagious to our own interest And do hereby agree & promise severally to advance & pay towards building a bridge at the place aforesaid the sums annexed to our respective names—upon condition that the said Chamberlin shall obtain such grant, & of our receiving our several proportions of the profits arising therefrom, agreeably to the sums by us respectively subscribed—Witness our hands—

Decr 30th 1794—

Moses Dow four hundred dollars
Thos Johnson three hundred dollars
Ezekiel Ladd 100 dollars
Josiah Little 100 dollars
Nathl Chamberlin 100 dollars
Benjamin Chamberlin 100 dollars
John Montgomery 100 dollars
Samuel Ladd—50 dollars
Stephen Couch—40 d^{o}
Martin Phelps—20 d^{o}

Joseph Pearson—20 d°
Joseph Ladd—20 d°
Ezekiel Ladd jun^{r}—20 d°

N. B. There is one more subscription paper in Newbury which could not be procured, on account of the river being impassable at this time—which may contain as large a sum as this, tho not known—

Copy per Moses Dow

[5-59] [*Asa Porter for a Ferry.*]

Province of New Hampshire—

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Governor & Com^{dr} in Chief of s^{d} Province in Council—

The Petition of Asa Porter of Haverhill in the County of Rockingham Esqr humbly sheweth—

That in behalf of the Towns of Haverhill & Newbury on Connecticut River He would represent the Necessity of an establish^{d} Ferry over s^{d} River to be kept at a convenient Place near the Center of the afors^{d} Towns to accommodate the Inhabitants and many Others that occasionally travel that way, which He the s^{d} Porter would willingly undertake to do having a large Boat well suited to the Purpose, Therefore prays your Excellency would be pleas^{d} to favour Him with a Grant of such a Ferry to be established at certain Rates & with a Privilege including s^{d} River within the Compass of five Miles from the Place where s^{d} Ferry shall be kept, or otherwise under such Limits & Directions as to your Excellency may seem meet—And your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray—

Asa Porter

[5-60] [*John Hurd relative to Roads, 1774.*]

Province of New Hampshire

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captain General, Governor & Commander in Chief—The Honble His Majesty's Council, and The Honble House of Representatives in in General Assembly convened—

The Memorial of John Hurd of Haverhill in the County of Grafton Esqr humbly Sheweth—That the late Act of the General Assembly made for the purpose of opening a Road thro' the new settling Towns Westward, to Haverhill, or Coho'os,

on Connecticut River, being expired—but a considerable part of the said Road remaining yet unfinish'd, and that thro' the most difficult & mountainous Tracts of the Country to the great Detriment & Discouragement of the New Settlers; as the Transportation of all Their necessary Stores thro' this Road in its present Situation is not only very expensive but dangerous for Man & Beast, being miry, rooty, rocky, & narrow with bad pitches in many places—And whenever it may be necessary for the Honble Judges of the Superior Court to attend their Business at Haverhill, unless something is speedily done upon the Road, will render their Journey very tedious & hazardous—But as the Expence of immediately making the said Road good, & safely passable, will be a peculiar Hardship on those particular Towns lying on the Highth of Land in their now infant State, without the public Aid, tho' if once completed would be greatly advantageous not only to the Upper Settlements, but to this lower part of the province to wch all their spare produce may then with Ease be conveyed—Your Memorialist humbly prays in behalf of all the Settlers on that part of Connecticut River, & the Towns adjacent—Your Excellency & Honors woud take this Matter into Consideration—that the aforesaid Act may be revivd with the addition of a New Committee to prosecute the Business, and such Alteration or Amendment & such public Assistance as to your Wisdom may seem meet. And Your Memorialist as in Duty bound will ever pray &c. &c.

John Hurd

Portsmouth 26th May 1774—

[5-62] [*Representation of Services done by the Town during the War, and its Present Condition, 1798.*]

To the Hon'ble Senate & Hon'ble House of Representatives in General Court now convened at Concord

Humbly shew the Subscribers

That in the year 1776, James Bayley, Ephraim Wesson, Charles Johnston, Joseph Hutchins Joshua Howard & Simeon Goodwin, were appointed a Committee of safety for the Town of Haverhill,—In which year, this western frontier, was much exposed to & in eminent danger of being ravaged, by the enemies from Canada—Insomuch that many of the inhabitants of this town removed, to more safe & central parts of the State—Those that stood by the shipp spent a great part of their time, & considerable part of their property in building forts, that is

four large ones in this town, supporting & paying guards, & scouting parties, in order to keep up a frontier at this place—

That we were very poorly supplied with arms & many poor persons, tho perhaps the best soldiers, were intirely destitute—We considered the cause as common to the whole Country, & greatly interesting to all, & were zealous to do everything in our power to contribute to the salvation of the Community—

Thus circumstanced, and disposed, we in our said capacity, employed Major Jonathan Hale, then a reputable citizen of said Haverhill, & in behalf of said Town—to make a tour to Exeter, where the Convention or supreme Government of the State or Colony were then in Session, and make application for protection or means, to help us to defend ourselves, & contribute our mite in holding this frontier & aid in the protection of the State—Maj^{r} Hale failed in procuring the arms of the State as we wished & expected—Yet the government, advanced to him two hundred pounds of the then paper money, out of the treasury, to procure arms for the common defence

Accordingly Major Hale after receiving said money traversed the sea coasts as far as Salem, & round the adjacent parts of the Country—& purchased up at very exorbitant prices, tho doubtless to the best advantage that the time & circumstances would admit, Guns & parts of Guns—such as, barrels, locks & stocks, in detached parts—& brought to Haverhill & delivered them to said Committee—& said Committee, gave said Hale their obligation for said Guns &c & for his cost in going to Exeter—getting said money, purchasing said Arms & transporting them here.

The Committee, disposed of said Guns, to poor persons who were not able to pay for them, but yet perhaps the best soldiers, for no more than the first costs paid by said Hale, & took their obligations—Many of which obligations if ever paid, were not paid till money had depreciated, to ten, twenty & perhaps forty for one—

That two of said Committee viz Bayley & Wesson are removed, at a distance out of this State & the burden may fall upon the residue, the obligation being out lawed in Vermont

Your petitioners would further suggest, that they are informed, that sundry towns, who were favoured with money out of the treasury about the same time have been considerably favoured, by the State in the settlements thereof—

That they have applied to & petitioned the States Committee for abatements in a settlement thereof but said Committee, not feeling themselves authorz^{d} for that purpose recommended, petitioning this honourable body—We therefore, pray this Hon'ble Court to take our case under their candid consideration & grant us such abatement, or deductions, in our settlement with

said Hale or his settlement with the State, which will dispose him to settle with us in the same proportion, as reason & justice under our peculiar situation & circumstances, in your Honors wisdom, prudence & benevolence may seem reasonable & just—

And your petitioners as in duty bound pray &c

Haverhill
Novr 22^{d} 1798

Charles Johnston
Joseph Hutchins
Simeon Goodwin
Joshua Howard

[5-63]

[This document is a plan of Connecticut river, and the ferries of Johnson and Porter.—Ed.]

HENNIKER.

This township was granted by the government of Massachusetts in December, 1735, but the grant was not located and confirmed until 1737. It was called No. 6 in the line of towns, and sometimes New Marlborough, many of the grantees living in Marlborough, Mass.

On a settlement of the state boundaries in 1741, the township proving to be in New Hampshire, and within the limits of the Masonian Proprietors' Purchase, was granted by them July 16, 1752, to Andrew Todd and others, mostly Londonderry men. It was incorporated November 9, 1768, and named by Governor Wentworth in honor of John Henniker, of London, Eng.

The township was granted six miles square, and I believe no territory has been severed from it or added to it since.

[5-65] [*Petition of the Inhabitants to have the Town incorporated, 1768.*]

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captain General Governour and Commander in chief, in and over his Majesty's Province of New-Hampshire, in New-England; And To his Majesty's Council in the Province aforesaid—

THE PETITION of the Inhabitants of the Place called Number Six of the Line of Towns; or New Marlborough, in the Province aforesaid, humbly sheweth,

That whereas your humble Petitioners, whose Names are hereunto subscribed, find our selves under great Inconveniencies & Difficulties for want of the Powers and Privileges which incorporate Towns in this Province enjoy: And We, your humble Petitioners humbly pray your Excellency & your Honours to take our Case into your wise & compassionate Consideration; and if you think it proper & necessary, you would incorporate into a Town, indued with the Powers & Privileges of other Towns in the Province, that Tract of Land, which is the sixth in Number of the Line of Towns which was first laid out by Order of the General Court of the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, & granted to some of the Inhabitants of Marlborough in said Province: and was since granted by the Masonian Proprietors to some of the Inhabitants of Londonderry, in this Province of New-Hampshire, (Said Tract of Land lies between Hopkinton & Hillsborough,) We your humble Petitioners humbly pray that your Excellency & your Honours would incorporate the said Tract of Land, with the Inhabitants, present & future, their Polls & Estates, into a Town, included within the same Bounds and Limits wherein it was included when it was first granted by the General Court of the Massachusetts Province: and when it was granted by the Masonian Proprietors (not infringing, or hurting any private Property): And that your Excellency, & your Honours will be pleased to appoint, & impower, Mr Eliakim How, Mr Ebenezer Hawthorn, and mr Jonas Bowman; (now Inhabitants of said Tract of Land;) or any others whom your Excellency & your Honours shall think proper, as a Committee to call the first Meeting of the Freeholders, & Inhabitants in said Town.

For which Goodness, your humble Petitioners, for your Excellency & your Honours, as in Duty bound, shall ever pray—

Dated at No 6, or New-Marlborough, aforesaid, the fourteenth Day of March, 1768.

William Eastman	Ezekiel Stone	Ebenezer Hawthorn
Jephthah Tyler	David Willson	Silas Barns
Jacob Whitcomb	Adonjiah Tyler	Josiah Ward
Hezekiah Newton	Eliakim How	James Joslin
Amos Goold	Jonas Bowman	William Powers
Thomas Pope	David Pope	Timothy Ross
Jesse Ross	William Presbury	Joshua Tyler
william Peters	David mcKillips	John Johnson
Ezekiel Smith	Joseph Williams	

[In answer to the foregoing petition the town was incorporated by the governor and council November 9, 1768, and named Henniker by the governor.—ED.]

[R. 2–73] [*Return of Men raised for the Army, 1776.*]

Henniker Sep^{t} ye 20: 1776

Col^{o} Stickney

S^{r} In obedience to your orders I have mustered my Company and Raised five men for this Expedition their Names are as follows

Samuel Smith	Nahum Newton	Joshua Whitney
Joseph Patterson	Isaac Patterson	

this from your obedient Servant

Aaron Adams Capt

[R. 2–74]

To Col^{o} Thomas Stickney

S^{r} the Following is a list of men Raised by the Town of Hennicar for three years agreeable to your order

Jesse Campbel	Hennicar	Capt Cloys Company
Daniel Squire	Hennicar	
James Peters	d^{o}	
Joseph Marsh	Hennicar	Capt Frys Company
Benj Adrews	Hillsborough	Capt Adams Company

Jonas Bowman Capt

[R. 2–75]

A True State of the Seventh Company and Thirteenth Rig^{t} of Foot Commanded By Capt Jonas Bowman

Training Band	No 75		
Laram Men	No 25	totel	100

Henniker March 19th 1777.

[R. 2-76] [*Roll of Capt. Aaron Adams's Company, 1776.*]

A list of Capt Adams's trains Soldiers

Sargt Benja Clark
Sargt Jona Basford
Sargt Phinehas Ward
Sargt Joseph Paterson
Corpl Joshua Heath
Corpl Samuel Steel
Corpl Thos Townsend
Corpl James Stone
Fifer Joseph Williams
Drumr Josiah Paterson

Jonas Alexander
William Chambers
William Clark
James Durston
Samuel Frisel
Noah Gile
Otis How
Thomas Howlet
James Joslin
John McDuffee
Hezekiah Newton
Moses Powell
Jonathan Ross
Ezekiel Smith
Ezekiel Stone
Charles Whitcomb
Alexander Whitney
Jabez Alexander
Eliphalet Colbey
Solomon Childs
Jona Eastman
Isaac Gates
Joshua Heath
William Heath
Sargent Heath
Joseph Lewis
Nathaniel Merril
Nahum Newton
Isaac Paterson
Lemuel Ross
Moses Smith
Benoni Tucker
Ruben Whitcomb
Samuel Wadsworth
Abiather Bowman
Benja Currier
Robert Campbel
Aaron Eastman
Timothy Gibson
Moses Huse
John Harthorn
Joshua Kimball
Ephraim Morrel
Samuel Morrison
David Pope
Jesse Ross
Daniel Rice
Samuel Smith
Jacob Whitcomb
Josiah Whitridge

we have 10 men gone in the Army

mager Chandler Sr, in obedience to your orders I have warn'd my Company to Apear on ye 21 Instant to view the Cituation of the Company, but the more part did not Apear but Acording to the Best Acompt that I can give Above half have No arms

Aaron Adams Capt

Henniker May the 21st 1776

A Larm list for said Henniker

Ecclesiastical Clark Jacob Rice
Capt Eliakim How
Ensn William Heath
Esquire Joseph Kimball
Leut Jonas Bowman
Capt Josiah Ward
Coroner Samuel Kimball

Thomas Stone
John Putney
Alexander Paterson
Uriah Amesden
Timothy Ross
Thomas Pope
Stephen Spaldwin
Francis Withington
James Peters
Elijah Rice
John Eastman
Dea Ebenr Harthan

[R. 2–77] [*Joseph Patterson, wounded Soldier.*]

In the House of Representatives Novr 13th 1778.

The Committee on the Petitions &c of wounded soldiers &c reported their opinion that Joseph Paterson, a soldier in Capt Emery's Company in Col^{o} Baldwin's Regiment who was wounded at White plains and lost sundry articles to the amount of five pounds fourteen shillings be allowed & paid the said sum of five pounds fourteen shillings, which is submitted—

signed Nich^{l} Gilman for the committee

[The said amount was allowed and paid. It has been handed down in the family that Joseph Patterson was on guard at the time of attack by the British troops at White Plains, October 28, 1776. He fired an alarm, and was immediately shot, the ball entering back of the ear, and passing out through the cheek. He fell, and was for some time unconscious, but reviving he found the enemy passing over him. Watching his opportunity, he rolled under a log, and remained apparently dead till all was quiet. He then succeeded in getting to a house, in an exhausted condition, found the woman friendly to the cause of the colonies, and was cared for by her for some weeks. When sufficiently recovered, he gave the woman all the money he had, and started on foot for New Hampshire. He had received an overcoat from home just before the battle, and attempted to take that with him; but one day, while attempting to ford a rapid stream, the coat became saturated with water, and being too weak to stem the current with it on, he was obliged to take it off and let it drift. He reached home, and lived to tell the tale to his grandchildren, to one of whom, Hon. James W. Patterson, I am indebted for the foregoing.—Ed.]

[R. 2–78] [*Abraham Kimball, wounded Soldier.*]

[In H. of Rep., November 14, 1778, Abraham Kimball, "a soldier in Capt Baileys Company Col^{o} Stickney's Regiment & General Starks Brigade wounded in the Battle of Bennington 16th of August 1777" was allowed £27, 14, 6 for his doctor's bills, nursing, etc. It was also voted that he was entitled to half pay for two years, from September 18, 1777. Council concurred.—Ed.]

[R. 2–79] [*Soldier's Order, 1779.*]

Henniker Septr 13th 1784

Mr Gilman S^{r} Be Pleased to Pay to Robert Wallace or Bearer all My Wages Travel Money Deficiency in Cloathing, and all that is due to me for my Serving in the Continental Army one year in Co^{ll} Reeds Reg^{t} in Capt Rowels Company which time Began July 1779 and this Shall Be your Discharge: and you will Much [oblige]

Witness Present
Wi^{m} Wallace
William Partrick

your Humble Servt
Simeon pope

[5–66] [*Petition for the Appointment of a Committee to locate a Meeting-House, 1786.*]

To the Honourable Senate and House of Representative of the State of newhampshire now Seting at Exeter in Said State—

we the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Henniker Humbly Sheweth whereas we are about Building a Meeting house in Said Town and are So unhappy as not to agree upon the Spot where to Set Said house although we have had Two Commitee to Perfix the Place for Said house and they reported to Two Different Places and the Distance Between the Two Spots is about one hundred and forty rods where four we Pray your honnours to appoint a Disinterested Commetee from the Neighbouring Towns Consisting of three men to View the Situation of the Place and hear the Pleas and Determin the Spot where Said house Shall Be Set and we your Petitioners as in Duty Bound

Henniker September y 11th 1786

Jonas Bowman	Thomas willson	William Wallace
James wallace	Johnthing Connor	Abiathar Bowman
Joshua Heath	David poop	John Smith
Nathan Putney	Isaac Putney	John Putney
Michael Archer	Stephen Spelgren	Bengben Clogh
Thomas poop	Samuel Estman	Joseph Lewis
David McKillips	Oliver Noyes	John Withington
William Sargent	David Clough	Samuel Barr
Joseph Chadwick	John Chadwick	David Chadwick
Francis Withington	Elias Withington	Simion Pope
Joshua Wright	Samuel Morison	William Morison
John Campbel	David Morrell	Thomas Stuart
Jesse Campbell	Benjamin Currier	Benjamin Hoyt

John Campbell Junr	William Patrick	Nahum Nuton
Thos Townsend	Semieon Simonds	Benjamin Clark
George Hoyt	John Smith Jun	J^{os} Marsh
Moses Hoyt	Phinehas ward	Oliver Clough
Thomas Howlett	Timothy Ross	Jonathan Ross
Samuel Dunalls	Josiah ward	Jesse Ward
Joseph ward	Alexander parker	Mather withington

[In H. of Rep., September 13, 1786, a committee was appointed, consisting of the following men: Major Isaac Chandler of Hopkinton, Ninian Aiken, Esq., of Deering, and Samuel Caldwell of Weare. Their report has not been found.—Ed.]

HILL.

The township was granted by the Masonian Proprietors, September 14, 1753, to eighty-seven proprietors, mostly Chester men, and went by the name of New Chester until January 14, 1837. In 1768, settlements were made by Capt. Cutting Favour and Carr Huse. The latter was town-clerk for thirty-three years, and held other offices. Several other families from Chester settled the same year.

The town was incorporated November 20, 1778, in answer to a petition from the inhabitants, and named New Chester at their request.

The town being about nineteen miles long, and in one place not more than one mile wide, made it very inconvenient, and it was divided February 12, 1788, the north part being incorporated into the town of Bridgewater.

In answer to a petition from the selectmen, an act was passed by the legislature, June 11, 1808, appointing William Webster, Bradstreet Moody, and Enoch Colby "to determine the jurisdictional lines between the Towns of New Chester, Alexandria, and Danbury," and report to the legislature.

By an act approved June 24, 1819, all that part of the town "which lies northerly of Smith's river" was, with a portion of Bridgewater, incorporated into a town by the name of Bristol.

December 21, 1820, the town was enlarged by the annexation of a portion of Alexandria; and by an act approved December 21, 1832, a tract of land was severed from New Chester, and annexed to Wilmot.

The name of the town was changed, January 14, 1837, to Hill, in honor of the Hon. Isaac Hill, who was at that time governor of the state.

The town lost another portion of territory June 26, 1858, when certain lots of land were severed, and annexed to Danbury.

The town was in Grafton county until July 1, 1868, at which time it was annexed to the county of Merrimack.

[5-67] [*Petition to be Incorporated into two Towns, 1776.*]

To The Honourable Council and House of Representatives of The Colony of Newhampshire

The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of New Chester Wee the Inhabitants of S^{d} N. Chester Do Labour under many Grievances and disadvantages for want of an In Corporation whereby wee might have officers Endowed with Power and Authority as other Towns in this Colony Do Enjoy We therefore Humbly Pray your Honours to Grant us a Charter of In Corporation—Investing us with the Powers Priviledges and Authorities as other Towns within this Colony have it is the Desire of your Humble Petitioners that the S^{d} Township may Be In Corporated into two Distinct Towns if your Honours Please, By Reason of the Township Being Very Long, which will abundantly Best Accomodate the Inhabitants of S^{d} Town Ship, it is Desired that S^{d} Towns may Be Divided at New Found River So Called Allowing the upper Town to InClude the priviledges for mills upon S^{d} River within the Limits of S^{d} Town, and your Humble Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

N. Chest^{r} Decemb^{r} 24th 1776

Jonathan Crawford	Robert Crawford	Benj McAllester
Josah heath	Nason Cass	Robt Forsith
Thos Crawford Junr	John Mitchell	Beniemin Emery
John Clark	gideon Sleeper	Carr Huse
Cutting favour	Reuben Wells	David Emerson
Jonathan Ingalls	John Smith	Joshua Tolford
Joseph Sanborn	Nathaniel Sanborn	Tilton Bennet
Jacob wells	John Bussell	

[5-68] [*Arms and Ammunition asked for, 1776.*]

New Chester June ye 29th 1776

To the Honourable Colony Committe

We the Subscribers being A Majority of the Select Men and Comittee of Safety for the Township of New Chester being willing to Defend ourselves and fellow Country men to the Utmost of our Power—But finding our Selves Destitute in A Gret Measure of Arms and Amunition Humbly beg You would use your Interest to procure About 56^lbs of Powder and 112^lbs of Lead & about 150 Flints and Fifteen Guns which we Bind our Selves to the Honest payment of as Witness our hands

Abner fellows
Joshua Tolford
Thos. Crawford
Jonathan Ingalls
Cutting favour
} for Committee

Ebene^r Ingalls
Beniamin Emons
Carr Huse
} Select Men For New Chester

[5-69] [*Petition to be Incorporated, 1778.*]

To the General Court of the State of Newhampshire—

The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of New Chester. Wee the Inhabitants of S^d Township Do Labour under Many Grievances and Disadvantages for Want of an Incorporation whereby wee might have officers indowed with Power and authority and that wee might Lay out our highways So that wee Might make and Repair them So that travilers might Safely travel, or pass through the Town Ship Saifly for want of which wee are Sensible Some of your Honours are Sensible of and many more Difficulties which wee Labour under, we therefore Humbly Pray your Honours to Grant us a Charter of Incorporation Investing us with the Powers Priviledges and authorities as other Towns within this State Do Injoy, and your Humble Petitioners as in Duety Bound Shall Ever Pray

New Chester October 15th 1778

It is Desir^d that the Town May Be Incorporated By the name of New Chester

Carr Huse	Jacob wells	Tilton Bennet
Cutting favour	Abner fellows	John Emery

Chase fuller	Beniamin Emons	Eben[r] Ingalls
Jonathan Crawford	Simeon Cross	Jesiah heath
thomas Lock	Samuel worthen	Jonathan Ingalls
moses Worthan	Theophilus Sanborn	Peter Sleeper
Gideon Sleeper	John Cleaveland	John Kidder
John Bussell	Nathaniel Sanborn	

[In answer to the foregoing, the town was incorporated by the legislature Nov. 20, 1778.—Ed.]

[R. 2–80] [*Certificate of Soldiers exempt from Poll-Tax.*]

Whereas wee have Received a Vote of the Congress which hath excused all non Commissioned officers and Soldiers who served in the Continental Army and shall enlist there for the year Coming from paying any poll Tax, and an account being exhibited under oath by the Select men of the number of such Soldiers in their Respective Towns and the amount of their poll Tax to the Colony Treasurer, in obedience thereto we have Return[d] their names and the amount of their poll Tax.

	£. s. d. q.
Nathaniel Bartlett	0–2–4–3
John Crawford	0–2–4–3
Joseph Davis	0–2–4–3
Totals	0–7–2–1

Carr Huse } Select men
Rob[t] forsith } for N. Chester

[R. 2–81] [*The Deposition of Capt. Edward Everett.*]

I Edward Everett of Rumney in the County of Grafton and State of Newhampshire Gentleman Testifyeth and saith that Some Time in the Fall of the year 1776 that I heard David Emerson of New Chester agree with a man at Mount Independent for to serve in the Continental Servis during the war for twenty dollars and also Saw the man Sign a Receipt and gave to David Emerson which Receipt I witnessed with my own hand but as it has been some time since I have forgot the Mans name but should know the Receipt if I could See it & further saith not Edward Everett

[Sworn to Oct. 13, 1781, before Carr Huse.—Ed.]

[5-70] [*David Emerson recommended for Coroner, 1782.*]

To the Honourable General Assembly of the State of New-hampshire now Setting at Concord in Said State—

The Humble Petition of Us whose names are under written think it very necessary that there Should Be a Coroner in the Town of New Chester as the Town is almost twenty miles in Length as the Road Goes through the Town and as there has Been two men found dead within said town within Six years and no Coroner within twenty five miles of them wee Recommend to your Honours David Emerson Esqr of New Chester to Be a Suitable Man as he has been a Coroner Some years agoe wee pray your honours would Commission him therefor and your Petitioners as in Duety Bound Shall Ever Pray.

New Chester September 10th 1782

Eph^m webster	Nathaniel Sanborn	Josesh his × mark Sanborn
Peter Sleeper	Sherburne Tilton	Gideon Sleeper
John Cleaveland	Jonath Ingals	Jonath Ingals Juner
Eben^er Ingalls	thomas Lock	John Kidder
David Stiles Emery	Josiah Heath	Joseph Emons
Jacob pesLee	John heath	Willam Powell
Chase fuller	Beniamin Emery	oliver smith Blake
John Sleeper	Amos Steven	Jacob wells
thomas Rowell	tilton Benet	William Benet
John Straw		

[5-71] [*Return of Number of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire

New Chester December 12th 1783

A Return of the Number of Male Polls from Twenty one years of Age & upwards paying for themselves within the Town of New Chester, No 66

Carr Huse } Select Men
Peter Sleeper } For N. Chester

Grafton ss Alexandria Decr 12th 1783

Then the above Named Carr Huse Esqr and Peter Sleeper Select Men of New Chester Made Oath to the Truth of the above Return By them Sign^d Before me—

Joshua Tolford Jus^t Peace

[5-72] [*Deposition of Joseph Emmons, 1781.*]

I Joseph Emmons of Alexandria in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire, yeoman Testifyeth and Saith that sometime in the fall of the year 1776 soon after the orders came out at mount Independent for men to Inlist during the war I heard Joshua wilson say that he would Inlist and do a Turn for David Emerson of New Chester during the war for twenty dollars & the s^d^ Emerson agreed with the s^d^ wilson at mount Independent & the s^d^ Emerson had a Receipt which he shew me that he said the s^d^ wilson gave him soon afterwards and further saith not

alexandria October 15th 1781.

Joseph Emons

Sworn to before

Carr Huse Just Peace.

[5-73] [*Petition for Authority to Tax Non-Residents, 1785.*]

To His Excellency the President, and to the Honourable the Senate & House of Representatives in General Assembly Conven^d^ at Concord Octr 1785

Wee the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of New Chester Being Desireous of Promoteing the Publick Good and the Settlement of the western part of the State which at Present is a great part of it Uncultivated and as it is highly Necessary that good Roads Should Be Made and kept in Repair in order that People might pass and Repass From one part of the State to the other with as Little Trouble and Difficulty as possible, and the Town of New Chester is a very Long Town it is Between nineteen & twenty miles in Length as the Road goes Besides a very Bad Mountain which Must be Cros^d^ and wee have Several Long Bridges Some of which wee have Been obliged to Build twice in a year By reason of Freshets, in Short wee have upwards of Fifty Miles of Roads already in the town to maintain, & But Eighty Six polls in the town which makes it Such a Burden to us that wee are not able to Make our Roads Good without Some help therefore wee pray your Excellency and Honours to grant the Town the Liberty to Tax the Lands of the Nonresidents Lying in the Town to the highways in Such a way and Manner as your Excellency & Honours in your wisdom Shall think Best, and your Petitioners as in Duety Bound will Ever Pray

New Chester Septemb^r^ 24th 1785

Benj^{a} Boardman	Elias Bordman	John Mitchel
Joseph marshall	Seth Spencer	Josiah Brown Jr
Peter heath	David Craig	Alexander Craig
Simeon Cross	Cutting favour	Jonathan Merrill
Joseph sanborn	David plum	Nathan Colby
Joseph Hoyt	william murray	Jacob Gurdy
Winsor Goolden	John Cleaveland	John Cleaveland Junr
Michael Mosher	Thomas Lock	Daniel Heath
Case fuller	Jacob Peaslee	Shurburn Tilton
John Sleeper	John tilton	John ———
Carr Huse	David Emerson	willom Benet
Tilton Bennet	Eph^{m} webster	Nathaniel Sanborn
Josiah heath	Jacob wells	Thomas Rowell
john Bussell	Reuben wells	thomas Wells
Thos Crawford	John Smith	Nason Cass
Jonathan Crawford	Abner fellows	Moses Sleeper
Peter sleeper	Sherburn Sanborn	Theophilus Sanborn

[5-74] [*Petition for a Division of the Town, 1787.*]

State of New-Hampshire

To the Honourable Sennate and House of Representatives of said State to be convened at Charlestown on the Second Wednesday of September AD. 1787—

The Petition of the inhabitants of New Chester in said State Humbly Sheweth, Wee your Petitioners Labouring under many Difficulties and Disadvantages in our present Circumstances by Reason of the Town Being Exceeding Long and in one place but a very little more than one mile wide, which makes it very Difficult for the Major part of the people to attend Publick Worship when wee have preaching in the Town, and like wise to Attend Town Meetings, as it is Commonly bad—traviling when wee have our Annual Meetings, the Town is more than Nineteen miles in Length. Wee your Humble Petitioners Earnestly Request that your Excellency and Honours would Divide the Town of New Chester into two Towns, and that it may be Divided at Newfound River So Called (Vz) Beginning at the mouth of Newfound River and running up said river untill it comes to Newfound pond, then running on the easterly Shore of said pond untill it comes to the Town line between New Chester and Plymouth, and your petitioners as in Duty Bound will ever Pray

New Chester August 23th 1787

Carr Huse	Nathaniel Sanborn	David Emerson
Reuben Wells	Eph^{m} webster	Thomas Rowell
john Bussell	Cutting favour	Joseph Jonson
Nathan Colby	Michael Mosher	Thomas Lock
Peter heath	Thomas Huse	Samuel worthen
Jonathan Ingalls Jun	John fellows	Benj^{a} Boardman
Elias Boardman	Jonathan Holt	John Mitchel
Jonath Ingals	Josiah Brown	Jacob Fellows
Joseph marshall	Jonathan Carlton	Seth Spencer
Joseph Emons	Ephraim Clark	Isaac Senter
Moses Fellows	John Mitchel Junr	Jonathan Crawford
Simeon Cross	Ziba Townsend	Beniamin Emons
Daniel Heath	Chase Fullar	William Powell
James heath	John Ladd	Josiah heath
Jonathan heath	Samuel Drew	John heath
David powell	David Craig	James Craige
Alexander Craige	Robt Craige	

[An act was passed Feb. 12, 1788, incorporating the north part into a town named Bridgewater, and authorizing Thomas Crawford to call the first meeting.—Ed.]

[5-75] [*Petition for Authority to tax Non-Residents.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Honourable the Senate and House of Representatives convened at Portsmouth the Fourth Wednesday of December AD 1789.

The Petition of the inhabitants of the Town Ships of New Chester and Bridgwater in said State Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioners have been and Still are at great Cost to clear and Maintain Highways in Said Town Ships and by Reason of great Freshits have been obliged to alter Clear and Make new Roads in Many places and have built several large Bridges which are costly to Maintain which Makes the burden heavy upon us as our number of Rateable polls is but Small, therefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honours would grant that all the lands in said Town Ships may be taxed one penny upon an Acre Public lots Excepted for three years next Ensuing for the purpose of Clearing and Repairing high ways in Said Town Ships and your Petitioners as in Duety Bound will Ever pray.

New Chester December 16th 1789

Theophilus Sanborn Reuben Wells Michael Mosher
Jonathan Carlton Thomas Crawford

Select Men For and in Behalf of Said Towns.

[The authority asked for was granted Jan. 14, 1790.—ED.]

HILLSBOROUGH.

The township was granted by the government of Massachusetts previous to the settlement of the province boundaries in 1741, and settlements were made by James McCalley, Samuel Gibson, and others, under this grant, but were broken up and deserted through fear of Indians.

A settlement of the province boundaries decided the land to be in New Hampshire, and being within the limits of the Masonian Proprietors' Purchase, it was granted by them to Col. John Hill, of Boston, and derives its name from him. Hill was one of the proprietors under the Massachusetts grant. The town was incorporated by the governor and council Nov. 14, 1772, to contain about six miles square of territory, and none has been added or severed since that I am aware of. Petition for incorporation may be found in Vol. IX, p. 380.

Hon. Franklin Pierce, president of the United States from 1852 to 1856, was a native of this town, where he was born Nov. 23, 1804. He graduated at Bowdoin college, 1824, was a member of Congress two terms, from 1833 to 1837, when he was elected to the United State senate.

[*Hillsborough Soldiers in Rhode Island Expedition, 1778.*]

[Revolutionary Papers, p. 373.—ED.]

Hillsborough Agust 8 1778

By orders Esued from the Commitey of Safety of this State This May Sartify that we the Select men of Hillsborough have Dron out of Archrball Tagart hand Constabel for the year 1777 Eightty Pounds Lawfull money which we have Paid to the

Volintears which Tornd out of this Town for the Experdishon to Proverdance or Rodisland

Ten Pounds to John Graham	10,0,0,
Ten Pounds to Archibel Tagart	10,0,0,
Ten Pounds to Willm Pope	10,0,0,
Ten Pounds to William Gammell,	10,0,0,
Ten Pounds to Alexinder m^{c}Clintock	10,0,0,
Ten Pounds to Daniel Gibson	10,0,0,
Ten Pounds to Samuel Preston	10,0,0,
Ten Pounds to Solomon Andrews	10,0,0,
	80,0,0,

Atest Tim^{e} Bradford, Samuel Bradford } Select men

[R. 2–82] *A List of Laram Men in Hills^{b}.*

the R^{d} Jonathan Barns
Capt Joseph Symonds
Lieu^{t} Saml Bradford
Decon John Meed
Mr Timothy Wilkins
Mr Andrew bixbe
M^{r} william Jones
Mr George Booth
Mr Willm Hutcheson
Capt Saml Bradford
Leu^{t} Daniel McNeal
En^{s} Timothy Bradford
Mr Nathaniel Coledge
Mr William Tagart
Mr Joshua Estey
Mr Thomas Murdough
Mr Joseph Clark

Mens names Belonging to the training Band in the town of Hillsborough including under officers

alexander MClintock
Jonathan Durant
Daniel Gibson
William Love
Samuel Merdough
Nathaniel Howard
thomas Murdough Junr
John MClintock
John Gibson
Lot Jenison
Jonathan sargent
william Symonds
Benjman Ruff
James Gibson
Nehemiah wilkins
Jedediah prston
Benjman Lovjoy
william Booth
Joseph Gagart

abel wilkins
Jonathan Graham
nathan Taylor
Andrew Bixbe Ju^{r}
Elias Cheney
} these five newly put into the List

Honored S^{r} among those of the above named we have about twenty Guns and sum of them not fit to go into the war, the best of our Guns are gone in the war either sold or our men

with them. I should have sent your Honner a List before this time, but could not without sending on purpose

S^r I am your Hon^o most Hum^l Ser

June the 3^d 1776 Isaac Andrews

To Honered Col^n Stickney Living in Concord

[R. 2–83] [*Return of a Soldier, 1779.*]

Hillsborough July 14th 1779

Persuant to orders Rece^d from your Hon. I have herewith ordered William Hutcheson to appear at Concord in order for passing muster—Beg the favor he may Return to Hillsb^h a few days before he marches for Rhodisland — These from your Humb^l Se^r Isaac Andrews Capt

To The Hon^l Thos Stickney Coll. at Concord in New Hampshire

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[R. 2–84] [*Bounties advanced by Towns, 1782.*]

In Committee on Claims, Exeter June 17, 1782.

The Bounties and Supplies advanced by the Town of Temple amount to Two Hundred & Fifty one pounds two shillings and ten pence—and the Bounties advanced by Hillsborough amount to Fifty Three Pounds eight shillings—and the Bounties & supplies advanced by Peterborough amount to Ninety six Pounds eight shillings and seven pence good money which sums have been deducted from the soldiers depreciation

Ex^d Per Josiah Gilman Junr

The Bounty advanced by Packersfield [Nelson] to Bunker Clark which was deducted from his depreciation amounts to Eighteen Pounds twelve shillings good money

Ex^d Per Josiah Gilman Junr

[R. 2–85] [*Lieut. Samuel Bradford's Petition, 1781.*]

[In a petition dated Jan. 2, 1781, Samuel Bradford states that he "engaged in the Service of the United States of America in Novr 1776 as a Lieutenant in the Second New Hampsh^r Regiment and continued in said Service until the

13th of Septr 1778." Being sick at that time he received a furlough from Gen. Poor, and did not again enter the service. He was in Capt. Claye's company in 1777. When the regiments were reorganized he was left out on account of his disability.—Ed.]

[5-76] [*Petition for Authority to tax Non-Residents, 1780.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Honourable the Council and Assembly of Sd State in general Court Conveaned

May it Please your Honors we the Subscribers freeholders in the town of Hillsborough in Sd State Beg Leave to Petitions that whereas the Late John Hill Esqr Boston who was Sole Proprietor in this town Did Before the Commencement of the present war Promies to give one hundred Acres of Land towards Buildings a Bridge over Connecticut River So Called in this town which Bridge we should have Built foore or five years a goe had it not Ben for this unhappy War but at Last we have Compleated sd Bredg and the Shairs of the sd Jhon Hill Esr Have Ben Solisted to Make good there father Promies but refuses we therefore humbly petition that yoore Honnours would order a tax to be Leved on the Non Risidents Land lying in town to dyfree the Chrges of building sd Bridge as we Labour under heavy Burdens in town and sd Bridge will be of grate Sarvis not ondly to this town but also to the Publick as sd Bridge cost us two thousand three hundred and three poond as Money was Last october and if yoore honours shall in yoore wisdom Se fit to grant this, our Petition we as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

Hillisborough the Eighth Day of May Anoq DoD 1780

Samuel Bradford jur	Zebediah Johnson	Jacob flint
wm taggart	archibald taggart	Joseph taggart
Calven Stevens	George Willy	Samul Bradford
David wright	Isaac Andres	william Pope
Nathaniel Haywood	Saml Jones	James Jones
James Dutton	Isaac Andrews Junr	William Jones
Benjm Jones	John Duton	Benjamin Dutton
thadeus monroe	John Shed	Nemiah wilkins
John Mead	timothy Bradford	William Grout
Lot Jeneson	Daneeil Rolf	Smith Robertson
Jesse Rolf	William Booth	Jonathan Sargant
Jonathen Durant	Andrew Wilkins	George Booth

Joshua Easty	Benjamin Kimball	william taggart Junr
James taggatnt	William Gammett	Nathanell Colledge
Joseph Symonds	Samuel Symonds	Robert Taggard
Daniel Gibson	tristram Cheney	John Cheney
John mcCalley	William Hutchinson	John Gibson
Andrew Bixbe	John mcClary	Wm Jones Junr
Alexander mcclintok	John mcClintok	Fortunatus Wheeler

[5-77] [*Relative to drawing Town Lots, 1784.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the honorable the Council & House of Representatives now sitting at portsmouth within & for the said state of New Hampshire

Humbly Shew the Subscribers that at the time of settleing the Town of Hillsborough in the County of Hillsborough & State aforesd many of your petitioners received Deeds from John Hill Late of Boston in the County of Suffolk & Commonwealth of Massa Esqr Decesd of Lots of Land in the first Division in said Town & after settleing the Lots in the first Division, Drew by virtue of said Deeds which also conveyed them an undivided Share in the residue of said Town other Lots in the Second Division annexed to their first Number, & that those of your petition who did not purchase from said Hill purchased from others who held under him as aforsd That on the Severance of the Second Division as aforesd a plan was made of said Divisions, & Entries made by said Hill of the Numbers Drawn to each original Lot & the persons Interested Entered into the same have cultivated improved & they & those who purchased from them have held & possessed the same severally to this Day agreably to the Division plans & Drawing aforesd that the said Hill at the time possessed himself of the plan & minutes aforesd & held the same in his possession untill his Death & from his Decease the same have come to the hands & possession of his heirs & Executors who have Suppressed the Same & now claims the Lands against your petitioners who have nothing but oral Testimony to prove the Severance aforesaid or to Secure to them the fruits of their Labor for many years past expended upon their several possessions wherefore they most Humbly pray that on their producing to your honour clear and indisputable proof of the facts aforesaid that your honors will by an Act Establish the aforesaid Severance & Secure to them their possessions or give them such other relief as to your honors in your great wisdom Shall appear Just & Equitable

Robert m^c^Cluer	John M^c^Calley	John Gibson
James m^c^Calley	Andrew Bixbe	James Taggart
William Pope		

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 17, 1785, the foregoing petition was granted.—ED.]

[5-78] [*Relative to Date of Annual Meeting, 1785.*]

State of Newhampshire

To the Honble Senate and House of Representatives in General assembly Convened at Concord the third wednesday of octob^r^ Anno Domini 1785

The Petition of the select men & other inhabitance of the Town of Hillsborough in the County of Hillsboro^h^ and state of New Hampshire aforesaid—

Humbly sheweth that our annual meeting being held on the Last thursday of march Discommods us sum Times it happens to be on the Last Day of march the Town officers not being sworn on that Day we are obliged to adjourn our annual meeting into april; which is attended with much Difficulty on acc^t^ of taking our invoice early in the month of april and by Reason of many Conveyances being made between the first Day of april and the time of taking the invoice it is Defec^t^ matter to take the invoice so that Every person my have Justice.

Your Petition therefore pray that our annual meeting may be held on the first monday of march annually for the future insted of the Last thursday

and your petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray &c—

October 20th 1785

Isaac Andrews
John Dutton
Wm. Taggart Juner } Select men of Hillsborough

Jedidiah Preston	William Parker	Benj^a^ Kimball
William Taggart	Eliphalet Bradford	John Hartwell
John mead	Andrew Bixbe	Otis How
David Wright	Jonathan Sargent	Gorge Booth
William Booth	Daniel Rolf	Joshoa Estey
Joseph Symonds	Samuel Bradford	James Dutton
Benjamin Dutton	David Marshall	Uriah Cooledge
Jonathan Danforth	Benj^a^ Gould	Samuel Danforth
Daniel Killam	Ephraim Train	James mcCalley
Paul Cooledge	William Jones	James Jones

Elijah Beard	Isaac Andrews	Perkins Andrews
William Little	Calvin Stevens	Nehemiah Wilkins
John Shed	John mcNeall	Moses Steel
William Hutchinson	Samuel Symonds	William Love
Timothy Gray	Solomon Andrews	John gibson
William Symonds	Nath^{ll} Symonds	

[In H. of Rep., Oct. 31, 1785, the foregoing petition was granted.—Ed.]

[5-79] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire—

Hillsborough Decem^{r} the 16th 1783

We find by Estimation Ninety Eight Male poles upwards of twenty one years of age paying Taxes in s^{d} Town

John Dutton } Select
Isaac Andrews Junr } Men

Hillsborough ss December the 16th 1783

Then the above Named John Dutton & Isaac Andrews Junr Each personally Appeared and made solemn oath they had taken the N^{o} of the male poles in the above s^{d} town Before Me

Isaac Andr^{s} Jus peace

[5-81] [*Petition for Authority to tax Non-Residents, 1785.*]

To His Excellency the President of the State of New Hampshire the Honble Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened at Concord the third Wednesday of October Anno Domini 1785—

The petition of the Select men & other Inhabitants of the Town of Hillsborough, in the County of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire aforesaid

Humbly sheweth that the Land in said Town is very rocky and that the Inhabitants have been at Great Expence, in making, mending and making passable the highways therein, and Also by means of a Number of Large bridges, which they were obliged to build, and Maintain over Contucook River, the Charges of said roads & bridges have become Excessively heavy and burdensome—

Your Petitioners therefore pray that a tax of one penny per

acre may be Laid upon all the Lands in said Town to be appropriated for the sole purpose, of making repairing, and maintaining said roads and bridges, or that your Excellency and your honours would in your Great wisdom, be pleased to Grant them such other relief as you shall think fit and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

October 20th 1785

Isaac Andrews
John Dutton
Wm Taggart Juner
} Select men of Hillsbh

Eliphalet Bradford	John Hartwell	John mead
Jonathan Danforth	Benja gould	Samuel Danforth
Daniel Killam	Ephrm Train	James mcCalley
Paul Cooledge	Andrew Bixbe	Otis How
David Wright	Gorge Booth	William Booth
Daniel Rolf	Joshua Estey	William Parker
Benja Kimball	William Taggart	Joseph Symonds
Samuel Bradford	James Dutton	Benjamin Dutton
David Marshall	Uriah Cooledge	Jonathan Sargent
Jedidiah Preston	William Jones	James Jones
Elijah Beard	Isaac Andrews	Perkins Andrews
William Little	Calvin Stevens	Nehemiah Wilkins
John Shed	John mcNeall	Moses Steel
William Hutchinson	Samuel Symonds	William Love
Timothy Gray	Solomon Andrews	John gibson
William Symonds	Nathll Symonds	

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 28, 1786, the foregoing petition was granted.—Ed.]

[5-83] [*Relative to Robert Tinney, Soldier.*]

To the Honble Sennate and honble house of Representatives in General Assembly Conveined for the State of New Hamp the 3d Wednesday of octor Instant at Concord in sd State

The Petetion of the Select men of Hillsborough in the County of Hillsborough and other of the Inhabitants of said Town Humbly shews—That the Selectn for sd Town in the year 1781, by the names of Samuel Bradford and John McCalley Signed a note of hand bearing date March ye 14th 1781 thereby promising to pay one John McClintock or order one hundred and ninety two Bushells of Good Merchantable Indian Corn or as much money as will purchase it, at or before the fourteenth day or March then next with Interest till paid &c—That the above

note was Given to the Said McClintock for the hire of a Certain Robert Tinney who the said McClintock had procured to enlist into the Continatal Army said Year as a man for the said Town of Hillsborrough — That notwithstanding the Said Note was given to the s^d McClintock as hire for said Soldier he the said Soldier immediately after his Muster Diserted and Never Joined the Army at all and your petitioners Vehemintly Suspect that this Disertion was advised and Countinanced by the s^d McClintock That the Town of Hillsborrough were so Well Satisfyed that the said McClintock was not entitled by either Law or Equity to the corn or money promised by the s^d note that they universally discountinanced the paymint thereof and suffered a suit to be brought against the Signers of the said Note intending to dispute the same before the Superior Court of this State but by the inattention of one of the Signers to the said Note when the tryal came on before the inferior Court for the County of Hillsborough which was held at Amherst the 4th day of Augt 1782—a Default issued and Judgment Entered against the Persons who Signed the said note for the sum of 47,, 16,, 8^d Damage and 3,, 13,, 8^d Cost of Court as appears of Record—Both which Sums has since been paid to the said John McClintock by the said Town of Hillsborrough notwithstanding the s^d Tinney never Served in the Army one day in Consequence of this Hire—

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honers will Order the said McClintock to return the said money he has received as afores^d or Order a New Tryal in such a way and manner as the nature of the said Contract made with the s^d McClintock may be enquired into by some Court proper to Try the same that Justice may be done in the premises—or in any way that shall Seem to your Excell^y and honers—

and Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever pray &c

Dated at Hillsbourough Octo^r 20th 1785

Isaac Andrews
John Dutton } Selectmen
Wm Taggart June^r

Andrew Bixbe	Otis How	David Wright
William Parker	Benj^a Kimball	Jonathan Danforth
Samuel Danforth	Daniel Killom	Calvin Stevens
Nehemiah Wilkins	John Shed	John m^cNeall
William Love	Timothy Gray	Solomon Andrews
John gibson	William Symonds	Nath^ll Symonds
Joseph Symonds	Samuel Bradford	James Dutton
Benj^a Dutton	David Marshall	Uriah Cooledge
jonathan Sargent	Gorge Booth	William Booth

Daniel Rolf	Joshua Estey	Jedidiah Preston
William Taggart	Eliphalet Bradford	John Hartwell
John mead	Benj[a] gould	Ephraim Train
James m[c]Calley	Paul Cooledge	William Jones
James Jones	Elijah Beard	Isaac Andrews
Perkins Andrews	William Little	Moses Steel
William Hutchinson	Samuel Symonds	

[5–84] [*Relative to Incorporating a Town Library, 1797.*]

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in general Court convened at Portsmouth November 1797

Humbly sheweth Benjamin Peirce Joseph Symonds Isaac Andrews Jonathan Barnes Calvin Stevens and others their Associates have purchased a number of books for the purpose of Establishing a Social Library in the Town of Hillsborough, but finding it necessary to be Incorporated in Order to realize the advantage Anticipated, by purchasing books in common, therefore pray that they may be Incorporated with such priviledges, as are usually granted in such cases and they as in duty bound will pray

Benjamin Pierce*

[The foregoing petition was granted Dec. 6, 1797.—Ed.]

HINSDALE.

Previous to the settlement of the divisional line between the provinces of New Hampshire and Massachusetts in 1741, a large portion of the territory now comprising this town and a portion of what is now Winchester belonged to Northfield, Mass. Settlements had been made here by authority of a grant from the government of that province, and a fort had been built by Col. Ebenezer Hindsdale on the east side of Connecticut river a little north of the old line of Northfield, as shown on an ancient plan which is No. 84½ in the volume from which the following papers are copied. Fort Dummer was situated on the west side of the

[* Hon. Benjamin Pierce was born in Chelmsford, Mass., Dec. 25, 1757. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war; sheriff from 1807 to 1814, and from 1819 to 1827; representative eleven years, and for six years a member of the council. He was elected governor of the state in 1827, and again in 1829. He was the father of Franklin Pierce, president of the United States from 1852 to 1856. He died April 1, 1839.—Ed.]

river, a short distance above the mouth of Venters brook, and was built by Hon. William Dummer, Anthony Stoddard, William Brattle, and John White, of Boston, who owned by purchase the tract of land west of the river known as the "Equivalent Lands." It was named for Mr. Dummer, as was also the town of Dummerston, Vt.

The inhabitants and others petitioned the government of New Hampshire for a grant of the township, and were favored with one dated Sept. 3, 1753, which covered all the territory on the west side of Connecticut river now in the town of Vernon, Vt., in addition to what is now Hinsdale, except the north part east of the river, which was contained in the grant of Winchester, made July 2, 1753, and by which the north part of Winchester extended to Connecticut river. On the 26th of September of the same year, Gov. Wentworth, with advice of the council, decided and declared that the east line of Hinsdale, instead of running no further north than the old north line of Northfield, should run through to Chesterfield, thus taking a considerable portion of land that had been granted to Winchester, but leaving the latter a more compact township.

The name of the town is derived from Col. Ebenezer Hindsdale and is so spelled in the charter, and in many other documents prior to 1800. So far as I have seen, the colonel always wrote his name as above, and it is so written in most of the original manuscripts of the documents published in Vol. IX. The petition for the charter may be found on page 382 of that volume.

On the formation of the state of Vermont the town lost about one half its territory: with that exception I believe no change has been made in its boundaries since Sept. 26, 1753.

[5-85] [*Col. Josiah Willard's Account for Supplies furnished Soldiers, 1750.*]

Fort Dumer July ye 6th 1750

John Goffe Esqr Capt Wm Shackford Richard Downing Jon^a Tilton & Zach^r Tole D^r to Col^o Josiah Willard—

To Pork 101^lb a 11^d p^r lb a	4. 12. 7
To Beaf 13^lb a 9^d p^r lb a	0. 9. 9
To Cheas 22^lb a 9 p^r lb a	0. 16. 6
To Bread 71^lb a 6^d p^r lb a	1. 15. 6
To Beanes one Peek a	0. 2. 0

To Meal 1 Peek a	0. 1. 3
To w Rum 6 gall^{n} a 10^{s} p^{r} gal a	3. 0. 0
To Sug^{r} 2^{lb} a 1^{s} : 6^{d} p^{r} ^{lb} a	0. 3. 0
Boarding 12 men 3 Days a 2^{s} 6^{d} p^{r} Day D^{o} 9 men 1 Day a	5. 12. 6
To Cash Paid Capt Fairbanks moore Lieu^{t} Volintine Butler & William Willard for Boating	2. 5. 0
To Cash Paid David Farnsworth	2. 10. 0
To Cash Paid James Johnson	1. 0. 0
To Pastering 7 horses 14 Days a 6^{d} p^{r} Day	2. 9. 0
	24. 17. 1
	Total

Josiah Willard

[5-86] [*Col. Ebenezer Hinsdale's Bill, 1755.*]

Province of New Hampshire } to Ebenez^{r} Hindsdales and others D^{r} 1755

1755—June 7th To a man & Horse Riding Post to Fort Dum^{r} & So to Charlestown to Notify ye People of the misheif Done by the Indians at Hoosock	£10. 0. 0
June 12th to a man & Horse from Deerf^{d} to Notify the Frontiers of the mischief Done by the Indians at Charlymont	£10. 0. 0
To an Express of 2 men to N° 4 to Notify of a body of Indians Descending on our Frontiers	£6. 0. 0
June 27 to an Express to Charlestown &c to Notify of a body of Indians Killing & Captivating 3 families near Hindsdales Fort	£6. 0. 0
(*Not* allow^{d}) July 17 To Ten Horses 1 Night 64 /, 62 meals for ye men that Come to bury ye Dead & Follow ye Enemy	£17. 10. 0
July 27 to an Express from Maj Bellowses of 2 men to ye great meadow Charlestown & Keen to Notify of 2 men Killed near His Garrison	£6. 0. 0
July 22^{d} to a man & Horse to Deerfield when the men were Killed & Taken at Hindsdales Garrison in order to get men to go out & bury ye Dead and pursue ye Enemy	£4. 0. 0
to be paid by ye Com^{tee} of war £19. 10 } To the Entertainment of 31 men & their Horses who come to bury Ordeway and pursue the Enemy	£15. 10. 0
to a Winding Sheat for Said Ordeway	£4. 0. 0

To the Hire of a Horse from Winchester to Portsmouth for Timoth Wells a Soldier Caring the Notice of the above mischeif to His Excell^{y}	£7. 10. 0
July 27 To an Express from Maj^{r} Bellowses to ye great meadow to Notify of ye Enemies attacking Maj^{r} Bellows & men & besetting m^{r} Killbourns House	£1. 10. 0
Total Old Ten^{r}	£88. 0. 0

Left to be paid for
Expresses £51 Old Tenor

To His Excell^{y} Govr Wentworth with the Honourable His majestys Councill or ye Honr^{ble} the Committe of warr.

May It please Your Excell^{y} & Honr^{s}: The above acc^{ts} are Justly Charged & as it would be a great Hardship for me or ye particular persons who have been Sent on Such Emergencies Should bear the Expence I Intreat It may be allowed & paid to Maj^{r} Bellows or whom you may order for ye Severall persons to whom it belongs

from your Excell^{ys} & Hon^{rs} most Dutifull & obedient Servt

Ebenez^{r} Hindsdale

Hindsdale Decr 26th 1755

In Councill Jan^{ry} 15th 1755

The foregoing Acco^{t} Examined by the Council who are of opinion that the Sum of Twelve Pounds fifteen Shillings N Ten^{r} be allowed in full of the Sundry Charges for Expresses the other articles not being Directed to them are not Considered in the said allowance

Theod^{r} Atkinson Sec^{ry}

[5–87] [*Relative to Dummer's Ferry.*]

To the Honourable Members of the general Cort Now Setting in the State of N: Hampshire whereas we the Subscribers have been Informed that there hath Been astrife Between one Allen willard And one James Hubbard Each One of them having Exhibited a Pertion to the Board of this State Requesting the Privaledge of having the Bennefit of the Ferra Commonly nown by the Name of Dummers Ferra Now as to the matter of Mr Allen Willard having the farra Stated to him as his Situation is Very Rermoat in Deed we Viewe it much Contry to Right And good Reason the above s^{d} James Hubbard having for this

four years and Above owned the Land that Must Necesarly Improved by all that Cross the River at that Place for s^d Hubbard Bought the Land of Mr Henry Gibbs of Old Salem and hath a warrantee Deed and all the Privaladge that apertaine thareunto And as to the Land that s^d Hubbard Bought is not Seficant to Seport a famualy on But Varry Conveanant for a farra man, and we do Challang of Proffit belongs to the Town of Hindsdale as the Line Between N Hampshire and York was Precisely afixed to the west Banks of Connectacut River Now the s^d Hubbard is Allowed to be a man of good general Character aud wold be Likely to Indulge Passengers Even to his Best Abilety & we the Subscribers Bag the favour that Even for the good of the Publick that the s^d James Hubbard might be a Pointed & Improved as a farra man

& we understand that if Allen Willard gits the farra that it is to be Kept on the west Side of the River by another man

Daniel Shattuck	Oliver Doolittle	Eldad Wright
Benj Stone	Elihu Stebbins	Amasa Burt
Ebenezer Soule	Elijah Cooper	Aaron Blanchard
William Lyon	Isaac Barret	Edward Morgan
David Bishop	Makpeac Shattuck	Cyprian Peirce
Samuel Batchelder	Samuel Thomas Ju	Hezekiah Elmer
John Streeter	Ivory Soule	Asa Philips
Elijah Barret	Philips Barret	Silas Barret
Nathan Thomas	William Davenport	offen Burnam
Gideon Shattuck	Israel Thomas	Billey Burnham
Henley Ward	Isaac morgan	daniel thomas

[5-88] [*Relative to Abatement of Taxes, 1779.*]

To the Honorable the Council for the State of New Hampshire and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled at Exeter on the day of October 1779.—

The Inhabitants of the Town of Hindsdale in the County of Cheshire humbly Shew. That in the Year 1778 Your petitioners prefer'd a memorial to the General Court, Setting forth That The Inhabitants of said Hindsdale were taxed more than Their Just and Equitable proportion to the State tax for the Years 1777 & 1778, and pray'd an abatement thereof. in Consequence of said memorial the Honorable Court did take the Case of your petitioners into Consideration and did order that an Inventory of all the Polls and Rateable Estate in said Town (the Common & undivided Land excepted) be taken & return'd into the Secretarys Office within three months in which Case your petition-

er should have an Allowance in the next years Tax, and that in Consequence of said Order the Selectmen of said Hindsdale did make an Inventory agreable to the directions of the General Court, and as your Petitioners had no Representative in this Honora[ble] Court except Coll Ashley One of the Council for said County, said Inventory was Committed to his Care to be delivered agreable to the directions of the General Court, but your Petitioners finding no Relief in their assessment for the present year, immagine that the Case of your Petitioners was pass[d] over in Silence. Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray That this Honorable Court woud take their Case into Consideration and Grant them such Relief as in Your Great Wisdom shall seem Meet. as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Aaron Cooper } Selectmen
Micah Rockwood } of Hindsdale

[5-89] [*Relative to Vermont Controversy, 1781.*]

New hapshir. To the Honorable the Commitee of the State

We the Subscribers Holding our selves as good subjects of the State of New Hapshire are Now purplexed and vexed: a number of Designing men as we apprehend who with a Dissign to Distroy the quiet & peace not only of this town but in all the towns in the New hampshire grants on the East of the River have got commissioned by the Govenor of the State of Vermont, both in the civil and military order, and Now Require of us the most strictest obedience which if we Refuse we are punished & Delt with according to thir Laws whos juriousdiction and authority we Deney and Humbly pray for your Protection and assistence in Defending our Selves—

Hensedal July y[e] 13 1781

Oliver Doolittle	Zeph[h] Richmond	James Peacock
Daniel Shattuck	William flagg	Baz[l] Grandey
gershem Densmere	Ephraim Eaton	Elisha Belding
Joshua Frost	John Evans	Nathaniel Collens
Uriel Evans	Remembrance Wright	Asa Flagg
Amasa Burt	Nath[l] Sanger	Isaac Barret
Cyrus Shattuck	Eldad Evans	Philip Barret
Silas Barret	Makpeace Shattuck	Jonathan Barret
Gideon Shattuck	John his × mark Flagg	Darius wright
Aaron Wright		Jedediah Smith
Ivory Soule	oliver Smith	
John Peacock	David Bishop	

[5-90] [*Petition for a Grant of a Ferry, 1785.*]

To his Excellency the President the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened.

Humbly shews your respectful Petitioner the Subscriber, that over Connecticutt River in the Town of Hinsdale at a place known by the name of Fort Dummer there has been a ferry way much improved for a long time—

That the same has been supplied with boats and attended upon by the late father of your petitioner and others of the said family for the space of fourscore years—

That the land on both sides of the river belongs to the heirs of his said father—that one of the heirs at present waits at the same ferry, and has convenient boats for the conveyance over of passengers & their Cattle & Carriages of all kinds. The prayer of your petitioner therefore is, that he may have a grant of the exclusive right to said ferry way upon such terms and under such restrictions as to your Excellency and Honors shall seem expedient. And your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray

Allin Willard

Octo^{r} ye 12, 1785

Hindsdale May 10th 1786.

We the subscribers having been served with the Petition and order of Court pray that your Honours would grant the Petitioner his Prayer And would Inform your Honours the Road to & from said Ferrie is layed out, on land of the Heirs of Capt. Nathan Willard dec^{d}

Micah Rockwood } Select Men
Hollis Taylor } of Hindsdale

[5-91] [*Relative to aforesaid Ferry, 1786.*]

We the Subscribers being applied to by James Hubbard with an Instrument of Writeing Signifying the Necessaty of a Ferries being keep in the Town of Hindsdale on the East side of the River Opposite Dummer Landing—And that he might have the Benefit thereof, and that we would Signify our approbation to the Same, Accordingly there was a Town Meeting Called by the desire of s^{d} Hubbard,—And it was the Opinion of the Town, And allmost an Unanimous Vote, that as the Heirs of the Willard Family own'd Land on Both sides of the River, & Capt Nathan Willard Dec^{d} had keep the Ferrie for a great Number of years,—that his Son Allyn should have the Preheminence, We are therefore of the Opinion of the Major part of the Town,

& we do hereby Revoke and Disannul our Names being to s^d Hubbards Instrument, and we do Annex the same to Allyn Willards Petition,—For the foregoing Reasons And for s^d Hubbards giveing us a Rong Representation of the same.

Hindsdale Jany 25th 1786 David Lyon, Cyrus Shattuck, Eldad Evans } Selectmen of Hindsdale.

[5-93] [*Another Petition relative to same.*]

Hinsdale Jany 12th 1786

We the Subscribers Select Men & Inhabitants of the Town of Hindsdale, having taken the above Petition into Mature Consideration,—and as the Heirs of Capt Nathan Willard own Land on both sides of the River,—We strongly Recommend it to your Honours, that he may have an exclusive right to the Ferrie, in s^d Town of Hindsdale on the east side of the River, it being in the County of Chesshire and State of New Hampshire,—and Opposite the old Landing known by the name of Dummer Landing in the town of Brattleborough and that said Allyn Willard may be Established in the same & enjoy the Benefit thereof

Yours &c &c

Cyrus Shattuck } Select		Daniel Jones
Eldad Evans } men of		John Gardiner
David Lyon } Hinsdale		Isaac Crain
Abner Comins	Jonathan Wright	Thomas Rockwood
gershem Desmore	Aaron Cooper	Jesse Hill
Ephraim Eaton	Benja^m Sanger	John Evens
Seth Bishop	Oz^a Elmer	Hezekiah Elmer
Aaron Wright	Drius Wright	Thomas Taylor
Hollis Taylor	John Medcalf	Nath^ll Sanger
Jedediah Smith	John Peacock	Tilley Wilder
Thos Beebe	Timothy Beebe	Luther Winslow
Joshua Frost	Nathan Willard	Wm Smith
Uriel Evans	Jon^a Carver	

[5-94] [*Deposition of Josiah Wheeler, 1786.*]

Cheshire ss Hindsdale April ye 19th 1786

The Deposition of Josiah Wheeler of Hindsdale afore^sd of Lawfull age who Testifys and says that sometime about the first of January Last Past I the Deponent being in Company with Chearles Evans he presented a certain Paper to me the Depo-

nent to sign in faviour of Alain Willard of s^d^ Hindsdale that he the s^d^ alain mite have the Priviledge of the fearry acrost Conecticut River at a Place called Dummer in sd Hindsdale; I told him I should not; he the s^d^ Evans then told the Deponent that I had better; for s^d^ he you will want to cross offen and you hant always money Implying as I understood that If I would not sign said Paper I should not be carried acrost s^d^ farry without the money in hand; thereby attempting to force me to sign s^d^ Paper and farther invited me to go to town-meeting and take a Drink with him and further the Deponent saith Not

Josiah Wheeler

At the same time and Place I Edward morgan of Hindsdale of Lawfull age testifies and says that on or about the fifth day of January last past being in Town-meeting in s^d^ Hindsdale I saw considerable of cherry Rum handed about to be Drank in the meeting House in s^d^ Hindsdale and Drank of the same myself and farther the Deponent saith Not

Edward Morgan

Cheshire ss: April ye 19th 1786 then the above said Josiah Wheeler and Edward Morgan signers to the above Declaration personally appear'd and after due caution and carefull Examination made solemn oath to the truth of the above Declarations by them severally Signed and subscribed

Coram Michael Cresey Just: Peace

[5-95] [*Deposition of Nathaniel Stearns.*]

Cheshire ss: Hindsdale April ye 19th 1786

The Deposition of Nathanel Stearns of s^d^ Hindsdale of Lawfull age who Deposeth and saith that he the Deponent being in Company with Alain willard of Hindsdale afore^sd^ att s^d^ Hindsdale about the first of January last past; and discoursing with him the s^d^ Willard about the ferry at a place called Dummer in s^d^ Hindsdale which ferry he the s^d^ willard and James Hubbard of s^d^ Hindsdale both Claims the Previledge of; and there being then a town meeting of s^d^ Hindsdale warn^d^ to Know the minds of s^d^ town concerning the s^d^ Dispute; the said Willard then and there desired me the Deponent as I was soon going toward the lower end of s^d^ town to Inform sundry Persons that if they would come to s^d^ meeting and vote in faviour of him the s^d^ willard he would give them as much Groge as they could drink and further the Deponent saith not

Nathaniel Stearns

Cheshire ss: April ye 19th 1786; then the above Named Nathaniel Stearns signer to the above Declaration personally appear^d and after due Caution and carefull Examination made solum oath to the truth the above Declaration by him subcribed—

Coram Michael Cresey Just Peace

[5-97] [*James Hubbard for a Ferry, 1786.*]

The State of New Hampshire

To the Honble John Langdon Esqr President of said State: The honourable Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled.

The petition of James Hubbard of Hinsdale in the County of Cheshire in said State Yeoman:

Humbly sheweth: That there being great need of a stated Ferry over Connecticut River, in said Hinsdale against where the Fort called Dummer formerly stood; as there is much travel with Teams Horses Carriages &c—And as said Ferry has not been properly provided with Boats, to carry over loaded Teams by which means mens lives and properties, have been much exposed, and some have sustained, great damage and loss. And whereas, your Petitioner owns the Land on east side of the River, at the Landing; and has a Dwelling House, about eight Rods distant therefrom, which is the only house within half a Mile on this side of the River; and will enter into sufficient Bonds, obliging hemself, his heirs and assigns forever; to provide and keep suitable Boats; and give proper attendance at all Times, to transport over said Ferry, subject to such regulations as the Honourable Court shall order: provided the exclusive priviledge, of keeping said Ferry, at the Place where it now is, and one mile and a half up the said River; and three Miles down; may be granted to him and his heirs forever.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays, the Honourable Court, to take the matter into their wise consideration; and grant the exclusive priviledge of keeping the said Ferry, to your Petitioner and his Heirs forever; or otherwise order, as you in your Wisdom shall think proper; and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Hinsdale January the 2^d 1786

James Hubbard

[The ferry was granted to Willard, June, 1786.—Ed.]

[5-98] [*Petition for a Magistrate, 1789.*]

State of New Hampshire }
Cheshire County } Hindsdale Octr ye 12th 1789

To His Excellency John Sullivan Esqr Captain jeneral & Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New hampshire—

We your Informers Humbly Beg leave to shew that the Town of Hindsdale is Now Destitute of any justice of the Peace within s^{d} Town which is much to the Damage of the same we therefore with advise of others Do Recommend m^{r} uriel Evans for that Purpose; we therefore Pray your Excellency to Qualify & Commission the said mr uriel Evans for a justice of the Peace for said Town of Hindsdale and we Shall Greatly Acknowledge your Excellencyes favour for the same

Nathaniel Stearns } Selectmen
Samuel Robbins } for Hindsdale

[5-99] [*Petition for Authority to send a Representative, 1793.*]

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Hindsdale

To the Honorable Senate & house of Representatives in General Court conven^{d}

Whereas in & by the Constitution of the State of New Hampshire it is Requir^{d} that a Town shall have One Hundred & Fifty Rateable Polls of Twenty One years of age and upwards to be Intitled to the Previledge of a Representative Whereas the Town of Hindsdale has not the Number requir^{d} and Cannot with any Convenience be Clast with any other Town parish or place and we your Petitioners conceive that we Labour under many Disadvantages for the want of the previledge of a Representative to many to be innumerated in this Petition and we the Selectmen of Hindsdale by order of the Majority votes of s^{d} Town to Petition the General Court Above Mention^{d} that Said Hindsdale may have the previledge of a Representative in s^{d} Court we the Subscribers humbly request that the previledge may be granted to the s^{d} Town of Hindsdale as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Hindsdale May 30th 1793

Cyrus Shattuck } Selectmen
Uriel Evans } for
Perley Marsh } Hindsdale

[5-100] [*Petition for the Privilege of a Lottery, 1795.*]

To the Honorable General Court of the State of Newhampshire convened at Hanover June 1795—

we your Petitioners the Inhabitants of Winchester Hindsdale and others humbly sheweth that your Petitioners as well as the Publick at large suffer great Inconvenancy for want of a good Publick Road leading from the Furnace in Said Winchester on the North Side of Ashewillet River till it strikes the grate Road at or near Whelers mills in Said Hindsdale that leads from Northfield to Chesterfield allso another Road Begening about one Mile East of Said Whelers Mills on the first Mentioned Road and runing a Northerly course till it Strikes Said Chesterfield Road Sixty or Eighty Rods Southerly of Mr Daniel Fishers House allso to make Two stone butments two stone pillors for string peaces to lye on for the Bridge over Ashewillet River nere Said Furnace and whareas between three and four miles of Said Intended Road there is no Inhabetants live and by reason of Hills and Brooks there will be much diging and Bridging to be don on Said Road which will make it very Expencesive altho when don will be of grate utility to the Publick as well as Individles by shortning a grate Roade four or five miles leading from the Country to the seport Towns and whare as it is Too Havy a Burthen on the Inhabitants living near Said Road to make it passable for Teams &^c—in this Situation we cheerfully Bring forward this our Petition Looking up to your Honours as the gardiens of the People, that you will take our Case into your Wise Consideration & grant us a Lottery to raise fifteen Hundred Dollars for the purpose of making Said Roads & Bridges with the other Expence & as the major part of the Tickets will be sold out of this State this with the grate advantage which will arise to the Publick frome the object we make no Doubt your Honours Will Grant our Request and as in Duty bound Will Ever pray—

Thomas Gould	William Humphrey	Elisha Knapp
Reuben Alexander J^r	Stephen Hawkins	Nathan Parker
Ezra Parker Junr	Asa Alexander	Abel Oldham
Ephraim Hawkins	Ezra Healy	Thadd : Bancroft
Sam^ll Warren	Richard Gale	Paul Richardson
Noah Pratt	Henry Pratt	Daniel Severance
Nathan Pratt	Samuel Hill	Abel Hammond
Justus Jewell	Asa Allexander	Ebenezer Bancraft
Moses Chamberlain	Josiah Ward	Asa Bancroft
Charles Conant	Emery Gale	Joseph Williams
Jacob Rich	Robart Flemin	William Bencraft
Asa Conant	Enoch Robbins	John Erskine

Joseph Jones
Abraham Scott
Philip Goss Jr
William Gould
Jon^{a} Howard
Josiah Wheeler
John Barret
Thomas Butler
William Howe
Lemuel Whitney
Robt R Field
Thomas W : Davenport
Cyprian Pearce
Samuel Orvis
Erastus Sargent
Nathaniel Sanger Jr
Daniel Fisher
Elihu Stebbens
Danl Healy
Daniel Hawkins Junr
Levi Ripley
Henry Foster
David Hammond
John Everden
John Follet
Henry Thayer
Joseph Allen
Hezekiah Willis
Ezra Parker
Amasa Houghton
Elijah Butler

Benj^{a} Conant
Jesse Scott
James Scott
Henry Ashley
Elijah Cooper
Stephen Coye
Joshua Frost
David Wolley
William Reed
Gard^{r} Chandler
Eben^{r} Hoyt
Edward Morgan
Elisha Pierce
Jonathan Burt
Allyn Willard
John Evens
John Badger
Abraham wheeler
Eleazer Lawrence J^{r}
Eleazer Ripley
Jacob Fisk
Nath Bartlett
Abiel Naramore
John Alexander
Jeremiah Pratt
Ebenezer Kelmarn
Samuel wood
Samuel Healy
Eben^{r} Scott J^{r}
Jesse Spaulding
Ezra Conant
Daniel Ashley

Philip Goss
Curtis Gould
John Alexander
Cyrus Shattuck
Vine Coye
John Barret Junr
Nathan Thomas
Saml Wellman
Elisha Briggs
Benj^{a} Doolittle
Wm. Paterson
David Joy Jr.
Thomas Sargeant
Daniel Thomas
William Fisher
Edward Gustine
Eleazor Lawrence
George Farrington
William Ripley
Daniel wise
Tho's Curtis
James foster
Lemuel Taylor
Tertius Lyman
Ziba Ware
Theodosius Moore
Nehemiah Healy
Lewis Wotkins
Reuben Alexander
Benjamin Linkfield

[5-101]

To the Hon the Senate & House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in Genl Court convened

The Petion of Nathan Willard of Hinsdale in the County of Cheshire & State afors^{d} humbly shews

that whereas there is a certain small Island situated in Connecticut River within the Township of Hinsdale called Gravil Island unlocated and which never has been claimed as the property of any person or Persons known to your Petioner and the s^{d} Isleand (tho of small value) would greatly benefit the s^{d} Nathan Willard as in a time of Low Water it almost communicates with the Land extending to the adjacent Banks and as the s^{d}

Island can never be of any real value while it remains in its present situation your Petioner prays that the same may be granted to him—And as in duty bound shall ever pray

Nathan Willard

Hinsdale May 30 A D 1795

[Petition granted June 10, 1796.—Ed.]

[R. 2-87] [*Petition of Zebulon Moffatt, Soldier, 1776, addressed to the General Court.*]

Zebulon Moffatt of Hindsdale in the County of Cheshire Humbly shews and gives your Honors to be informed that in the year 1776, your Petitioner was a soldier in the Continental Army And served for the State of New Hampshire in Capt Hinds Company, and in the Regiment of which General Reed was Colonell & your Petitioner during the Campaign Furnished himself at his own Expence with a Good Firelock and other Implements necessary for a soldier expecting to enjoy his own property and bring the same home with him, but when your petitioner left the army the Firelock or Gun above-mentioned, by order of the Commander in Chief, at Fort George, was taken from your Petitioner, without his Consent and without ever being allowed anything in satisfaction. * * *

Chesterfield June 18th 1777

this May Certify that the Firelock taken from Zebulon Moffatt was his property taken at Fort George 19th August 1776 & Returned into the Continental Stores Sd Firelock Valued at £3, 12, 0, for me

Jacob Hinds Capt

[The said amount was allowed.—Ed.]

[R. 2-89] [*Account for Soldiers' Bounties, etc.*]

State of New Hampshire to the Selectmen of Hindsdale Dr.

1779 July 22	paid the State Bounty & travel money to Thomas Bishop a Soldier rais'd for the defence of Rhode Island, per Rect	41, 0, 0
27th	paid Joel Preist State Bounty for 1 year in the Continental Army pr Rect to Cyrus Shattuck,	60,-"-"

17

Augt 3	paid Samuel Robins State Bounty for one year in the Continental Army per Rec^{t} to Cyrus Shattuck	60,–"–"
		£161–"–"

Errors Excepted in behalf of the Selectmen of
Hindsdale per Moses Smith

In Committee on Claims Exeter Septem^{r} 16th 1786

This account by the Scale, amounts to Ten pounds Eighteen shillings—The vouchers are lodg'd in this office

Ex^{d} per Josiah Gilman Junr

June 20th 1787 Rec^{d} an order on the Treasurer for Ten pounds eighteen shillings in full of the within account.

Moses Smith

HOLDERNESS.

The township was granted Nov. 10, 1751, to John Shepard and others by the name of Holderness; the conditions of this grant not being fulfilled, it was forfeited. It was regranted Oct. 24, 1761, to Major John Wentworth and others, some of whom were grantees by the first charter. Six of the grantees bore the name of Shepard, and seven the name of Cox. In this grant the town was named New Holderness, in honor of Robert Earl of Holderness, and retained that name until June 12, 1816, when it was changed to Holderness, in accordance with a vote of the town. It was in the county of Strafford until it was annexed to Grafton, Sept. 14, 1782. By an act approved July 1, 1868, the southwest part of the town was set off and incorporated by the name of Ashland.

[5–102] [*Petition for a Regrant of some forfeited Rights.*]

Province of Newhampshire

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esq Governour & commander in chief & to the honourable his majestys councill for said province of Newhampshire—

The petition of Samuel Livermore of Portsmouth in said province Esq humbly showeth that in and by the Charter of

New Holderness One right or sixty seventh part was granted to Sam[l] Wentworth Esq. of Boston and One like right or share to Murry Hambleton; that the said Grantees are both deceased without taking any step towards fullfilling the conditions of settling said township, according to Charter. And that he this Petitioner hath agreed with the heir that claims the right of said Hambleton & purchased the same from him. The petitioner therefore prays that said Hambletons right may be regranted to this petitioner & that the said Sam[l] Wentworth Esqrs right may be granted to such person as will effectually fullfill the conditions of the Charter & pay the taxes Due thereon.

And your petitioner as in duty bound shall pray &c

Sam Livermore

[5-103] [*Petition for Arms and Ammunition, 1776.*]

To the Hon[ble] the great and general Court or Committee of Safty for the Colony of New Hampshire

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of New Holderness, having gain'd Intelligence, that a considerable Part of our Army in Canada have lately been forc'd by our unnatural Enemies (the British Troops in s[d] Canada) to retreat, and relinquish their Ground; and apprehending ourselves in the greatest Danger from the s[d] Troops, and scouting Parties of Indians that may be sent down to annoy and destroy us; and being in no Capacity for Defence do in Behalf of the s[d] Town pray your Honours to send us by the Bearer hereof M[r] Samuel Curry the necessary Powder, Musquet-Balls and Flints for thirty three able and effective men, (belonging to the s[d] Town) who are ready with their Lives and Fortunes to assert and maintain the american Cause; and we your humble Petitioners as soon as may be will pay to your Honours, or the Committee of Safety for the Time being, an Equivalent for the same; and as in Duty bound will ever pray &c

William Cox
Samuel Curry } Select Men

Sam[l] Sheperd
And[w] Smyth
Nath[ll] Thompson } Committee

[R. 2-90] [*Hercules Mooney's Petition, 1779.*]

To the Hon[ble] the Council and house of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Assembly convened

Humbly Shews Hercules Mooney Esq[r] that in the year 1777

he was a Lieut Col° of a Regiment in the Service of the United States of America at Ticonderoga—That the unfortunate Evacuation of the Fortress there he in the common Calamity by the loss of his Horse the most of his Clothes and all his Camp Equipage to a very considerable value—that he has never had any Consideration for his Losses—that being now appointed to the command of a Regiment to go to Rhode Island he is under a Necessity of supplying himself with such articles as he then lost the Expence of which he cannot conveniently support unless he is compensated for his said Losses—* * *

Exeter June 26th 1779

Hercules Mooney

[The petition was ordered to lie until the next session, and he was "allowed £200, to be accounted for." He petitioned in June, 1786, representing himself as of New Holderness, for the depreciation of his pay, which was allowed. —ED.]

[R. 291] [*Holderness Soldier, 1782.*]

I have this Day mustered Isaac Head to serve as a soldier three years in the New Hampshire Line and to serve for the town of Holderness

Pembrook July 26, 1782

E. Frye Capt m mar

[5-104] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

We the Subscribers Do hereby Certifie that we have this Day Numbered the Rateable polls of the Male Inhabitants from Twenty one Years old & upwards of the Town of Newholderness, which we find to Amount in Number to 37 Polls and No More Given Under our Hands Newholderness December the 8th 1783

Michl Dwyer } Select Men
Samuel Curry }

Grafton ss December 8th 1783 The foregoing return was sworn to by the said selectmen.

Cor. Saml Livermore Chief Justice

[5-105] [*Relative to Class for Representative, 1785.*]

Sir, this is to certify, that it is our Desire to be Disconnected

with Lincorn, and frankcony, as we are at two great a Destance, to attend their meetings there or they to attend here and as we Suppose there Is Enough of freeholders in these three towns, to answer for a Destrict—

We requst, to have our Desires presented to the Court, in so Doing you[l] oblige your humble Servants—

Andrew Smith } Selectmen
Mich[l] Dwyer }

The number of voters in this town is forty five

New Holderness october 20, 1785

Noah Worcester Esq[r]

[5-106] [*Major Samuel Shepard recommended for a Magistrate, 1789.*]

State of New Hampshire

To his Excellency the President and Honourable Council for the State aforesaid

The Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the Town of New Holderness and other Towns adjacent Humbly sheweth that a Justice of the Peace is much wanted in said Town therefore beg leave to nominate and recommend Major Samuel Shepard of said Town as a person well quallified and Suitable for that office who they pray may be appointed thereto and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &C—

Portsmouth December 23[d] 1789

Richard Shepard	Samuel Curry	Andrew Baker
John Thompson	Nath thompson	John Bayley
Levi Drew	Edward Senter	william Plaisted
William Hodgkins	David Webster Jun[r]	Mich[l] Dwyer
Thomas Crawford	Willm Piper	Sam[l] Shepard
Tho[s] Hill	John Shepard	John sweeny
S. L. Blair	Joseph Shepard	Joseph Senter
John Shaw	Samuel Bickford	Bryan Sweeny
Joseph Cochran	Charles Cox 3rd	Robert Hill
John Whitten	William Hogan	Charles Cox
David Blair	John Lowd	Joseph Sheperd
Jacob Shepard	John Cox	Thomas Sheperd
William Cox	Nathanl piper	Stephen Morse
Jonathan Crawford	Jacob Ellison	
David Webster	John Mooney	

[5-107] [*Against the Appointment of Samuel Shepard.*]

To the Honourable president and Council of this State—

Whereas there is a petition Circulating in the Town of New Holderness for Maj. samuel Shepard to be Appointed Justice of the peace, and whereas the inhabitants of said town have ben misled to sign said pertition, and whereas the pertitioners upon a Reconsideration do think that the two Justice, alReady in town, is sufficient for said town, therefore your pertitioners do humbly pray, that said shepard may not be appointed—and your pertitioners will allways pray—&. C.

Joshua Smyth	William Smyth	Hugh Ramsey
And^{r} Smyth	James Smyth	John Whitten
John Clark	Archelaus Innis	James Cox
John Smith	John Innis	
Robert cox	Caleb Smyth	

[5-108] [*Petition for the laying out of a Road from Plymouth to Hill, 1798.*]

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Court convened—

The Subscribers respectfully shew that a road from Plymouth Court House across the River into New Holderness and thence on the most suitable ground near the River through New Holderness and New Hampton and across the River again to the house of Captain Cutting Feavour in New Chester would be very useful to the public—That the Laws of this State do not empower any Court to lay out such Road, the same having to pass through a part of two Counties—Wherefore they pray the Legislature to pass an Act authorizing some suitable persons, at the expence of the petitioners if thought proper, to survey, and if in their opinion the public good requires it, to lay out such Road, ordering the Towns respectively to compensate Individuals for damage done by means of the road passing on their Lands—

Novr 1798—

Wm Webster	Chauncey Holmes	Samuel Cook
Israel Blake	John Blake	David Webster
Robt Towle	G W Livermore	A. Livermore
Thomas Bartlet	Moody Cook	John Lowd
Eben^{r} Little	William Smyth	Samuel Holmes
John Brown	John Porter	

HOLLIS.

Thomas Brattle, Jonathan Tyng, and 24 others, petitioned the general court of Massachusetts, Sept. 15, 1673, O. S., for a grant of land on what was then and for many years thereafter the frontier; and on the 16th day of October following (October 27, 1673, N. S.) received a grant of the large tract of land afterwards known as the township of Dunstable, which included nearly all of the present town of Hollis.

Dec. 28, 1739, the westerly portion of Dunstable was "erected into a separate and distinct precinct" by the government of Massachusetts, and went by the name of West Dunstable until April 3, 1746, when in answer to a petition from the inhabitants about one-half of it was incorporated with full town privileges by the governor and council of the province of New Hampshire, and named Holles. I think there can be no reasonable doubt about the origin or orthography of this name. Benning Wentworth was governor of the province, and owed his position to Thomas Pelham Holles, Duke of New Castle, who was colonial secretary. It is well known that Gov. Wentworth named many of the towns in this state in honor of his friends, sometimes when the inhabitants had petitioned to be incorporated with a name of their own choosing, they preferring to accept a name which was distasteful to them rather than incur the governor's displeasure, and perhaps refusal to grant their charter. As to the orthography of the name of the Duke of New Castle, I think John Farmer is mistaken in writing it Hollis, as there are manuscript documents in the office of the secretary of state to which the duke signed his name "Holles New Castle." That the town was named for him I think there can be no question; and because of his ignorance and detestable character, its citizens were justified in changing it to Hollis, as they evidently did to perpetuate the name of Thomas Hollis, the benefactor of Harvard college.

Dec. 13, 1763, the place called One Pine Hill was annexed to Hollis, thus extending its domains further east. March 30, 1769, a strip was taken from the west side of the town one and a quarter miles wide, and with "mile slip" incorporated into the town of Raby (Brookline). A small addition

was made to the town May 14, 1773, of land taken from Dunstable.

On the 17th day of February, 1786, a strip three quarters of a mile wide, the entire length of the west side of the town, was annexed to Raby.

Hollis has a record for service in the Revolution not exceeded by any town of its size in the state, and the town furnished more than its quota of men for the suppression of the slave-owners' rebellion. Many eminent men were born or received their early training in the town: among the latter was Joseph E. Worcester, LL. D., the lexicographer.

[R. 2–92] [*Peter Wheeler's Petition, 1761.*]

[In a petition dated "Holles January the 27th 1761," Peter Wheeler states that he "was in his Majestys Sarves in the year 1759 in Capt Nemiah Lovewells Company in Colo Zach Lovewells Regiment, and that your Petitioner was taken sick about the 23d day of July at Ticontiroga and sent down to Albany flats," was sick there, and also on the way home, where he arrived Nov. 15. He asked for relief, and was allowed £9, 15, sterling.—Ed.]

[R. 2–93]

[Joshua Wright, of Hollis, had a son in the army in 1760, name not given, who was taken sick and died at Crown Point.—Ed.]

[5–111] [*Selectmen's Account for taking an Inventory of New Ipswich, 1761.*]

Persuant to a Precept from the assembly to bring in a True Inventory of poles Lands &c Signed by Mr Clarkston we the subscribers Select men for the Town of holles have ben to N: Ipswich & taken a True Invoice according to ye best of our Judgment we was three Dayes upon sd business & Charge £12 pr Day old Tenr which sum please to pay to Ensign Samll Hobart and youl Oblige Yr Humble Servts

Holles 15 Apr 1761 — Benjn Abbot, Abel Webster } Select men
Total £36–0–0

[5-112] [*Petition from Inhabitants of Dunstable to be Annexed to Hollis, 1762.*]

Province of Newhamp—

To His Excell^{y} Benning Wentworth Esq Govr &c of the Province of Newhamp: the Honble his Majestys Council and Assembly of said Province—

The Humble Petition of us the Subscribers being Inhabitants of the North Westerly Part of Dunstable in said Province Humbly Shews, that your Petitioners Live very Remote from the Meeting house in said Dunstable (the Chief of us near Seven miles) by reason of which we cannot Attend the Public worship of God there without Great Inconveneancey to ourSelves & Familys and as we Lye very Contiguous to Holles meeting house where we once belonged and help'd settle a Minister there before we were Incorporated to Dunstable and have ever since done Considerable towards his Suport and Attended his meeting—Notwithstanding all this we have cheefly paid our full Proportion towards Preaching in Dunstable when we could have no Priviledge thereby by reason of the Distance we Live from there meeting house we have often requested of Dunstable to Either abate our Minister rate or set us off to Holles but they Wholley Refues to do either which Constrains us to make this Application to y^{r} Excel^{y} & Hon^{rs} Desireing your Consideration and Aid in ye Premises by freeing us from Suporting the Gosple where we can have no benefit thereby and add us to Holles or otherwise as y^{r} Excel^{y} & Hon^{rs} shall see meet and y^{r} Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c—

Dated at Dunstable Sepr 8: 1762

Amos Phillips	Ebenezer Hartshorn	Jonathan Hobart
Daniel more	John Willoughby	David Hobart
Gersham Hobart	Joseph ferly	Jonathan Russ
Elnathan Blood	Benj^{a} Parker	James Hobart

[The foregoing petition was from the inhabitants of what was called "One Pine Hill." It was strongly opposed, and for the time defeated, by Dunstable. The following spring the Pine Hill people procured the services of Col. Samuel Hobart, and renewed the contest. A committee appointed by the general court went and investigated the matter. It was a bitter fight, but resulted in the annexation of Pine Hill to Hollis by an act passed Dec. 13, 1763.—Ed.]

[5-113]

Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Holles March the 5th 1764—

Voted to measure east from Holles meeting house to the East Line of the Town and then measure west from the said Meeting House the Sam Length of line and all to the west by a north and south line to be sett off to the Mile Strip* So Called

A true Copy pr Samll Cumings Town Clerk

Holles May the : 1764—

[5-114]

Att a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Holles March the 7th 1768—

Voted off the West end of the Town according to a Vote of the Town att their meeting march the 5th 1764 Provided they fulfill their obligation that was made Relating the same—and Messires Samll Farley and Samll Brown has Renewed their obligation according to said vote

Holles may the 17th 1768—

Pr. Samll Cumings Town Clerk

[5-115] [*Appointment of Samuel Farley, Agent, 1768.*]

We the subscribers Inhabitance of the Westwardly part of the Town of Hollis & the Inhabitance & the freeholders of the Tract of Land Calld the Mile Slip, in the Province of New Hampshire do constitute and Appoint Samuel Farley of Holles Gent to be our agent Attorney and Trustee in our names and Stead to Petition His Excellency the Governer, the Honourble His Majesties Counsel & House of Representatives, That we the Inhabitance aforesd may be set off & Incorporated as a Distinct Town—

January 6th 1768—

George rusell	Samuell Russel	mathw Wallis
archibald M'intosh	Daniel Shed	Jonathan powers
James mcDannell	William Blanchard	Isaac Shattuck
Thomas Asten	Benj Shattuck	Swallow Tucker
Nathanael Patten	james Conek	Robert Sever
Saml Brown	Elexander Mcintosh	Peter Honey

[* A piece of ungranted land between the Masonian grant of Mason and this town, now in Brookline.—Ed.]

Isaac Stevens	John Cumings	Sam^{ll} Farley
Simeon Blanchard	James Nutting	Rose Dicky
Josua Smith	Fra^{s} Buttrick	william Spaulding
Abegill Spaulding	Henery Spaulding	Robart Cambell
James Cambell	Clark Brown	James Nutting Juner

[5-116] *Petition for the Formation of a New Town, 1768.*]

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Governor & Commander in Chief, in & over his Majestys Province of New Hampshire, & the Honourable his Majestys Council of said Province—

Humbly sheweth Samuel Farley of Holles, in said Province, in behalf of himself, & sundry of the Inhabitants, living in the westerly side of said Holles, & in a Tract of Land adjoining to the same, Called the Mile Strip; that those persons live very Remote from the Meeting House in said Holles, that to attend the Publick Worship of God there, is attended with much Travil.—

Wherefore your Petitioner prays in behalf of said Inhabitants,—that the westerly part of said Holles may be set off, & Joined to the Tract of Land called the Mile Strip, & be made a Town (or a seperate Parish from Holles) or otherwise as your Excellency & Honors shall see Meet, & your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Dated May 19th 1768

Sam^{ll} Farley

[5-109] [*Petition for the Formation of a New Town, 1769.*]

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captain General, Governor & Commander in chief in & over his Majestys Province of New Hampshire And to the Honourable his Majestys Councel for said Province—

The Petition of Samuel Farley, in behalf of himself, & a number of the Inhabitants, in the westerly part of Holles, & the Mile Strip so called, in said Province humbly sheweth, that your Petitioners, in the said westerly part of Holles, are so remote from the Centre of said Town, by reason of the distance, that they cannot attend Town priviledges, without great difficulty & expence, & that the Inhabitants of the Mile Strip aforesaid, are not Incorporated, but are destitute of Town privilidges, wherefore your Petitioner Prays as aforesaid, that your Excellency & Honours would take of the westerly part of Hol-

les aforesaid & Incorporate the same together with the Mile Strip, into a Seperate or distinct Town, with the same Priviledges of other Towns & your Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall ever pray

Sam[ll] Farley

[A plan accompanied the foregoing (Vol. 5, No. 110½) with a description of boundaries as follows :—ED.]

[5-110] [*Boundaries of Raby, 1769.*]

Beginning at a Stake & Stones in the South Side Line of the Town of Holles which is also the Province Line which Stake stands about two miles due East from the south west Corner of said Holles, thence running north by the Needle cross the said Town to one other Stake & Stones standing in the North Side Line of Said Holles, leaving the meeting House in said Holles in the midle between this Line & the East Side Line of Holles, then running from the last mentioned Stake Westerly by Holles to the North West Corner thereof then continuing that Line cross a Tract call'd the Mile Slip to the easterly side Line of Mason—

thence turning off & running south by the Needle on the easterly side Line of Mason—afores[d] to the Province Line then due east partly on the Province Line & partly on the South Side Line of Holles afore Said to Stake began at

[The foregoing petition was successful, and a new town was incorporated by the governor and council, March 30, 1769, in accordance with the above described boundaries. The town was named Raby for a town in the north of England, whence came some of its settlers. That town is now called Brookline.—ED.]

[5-118] [*Agreement relative to extending the Town further East, 1773.*]

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Holles held April y[e] 12th 1773—

We the Subscribers being a Committee of the Town of Holles, to Agree with Dunstable, or their Committee, with respect of extending the easterly line of Holles so far east as to Include Messers Merrel & Jaquith with their Improvements and to be Annexed to Holles, in order for an Accomodation with respect of the Bridge &c

In consequence whereof we have met with Dunstable Com-

mittee and have mutualy agreed that the easterly line of s^d Holles be extended eastwardly on the following Bounds, viz To begin at a stake and Stones about fifteen Rods below Buckmedow falls at the River which is Mr Jaquiths northerly corner, thence running southerly on a Straight Line to a Pine Tree on the River bank, wich is said Jaquiths southwesterly corner—

April ye 5th 1773

John Boynton
Reuben Dow } Comt^te
Sam^ll Cumings

Voted to Except of the Above Report, and the easterly Line of Holles be extended According to said Bound

A Trew Copy Attest Sam^ll Cumings Town Clerk

[5-119] [*Petition of Dunstable Parties to be annexed to Hollis, 1773.*]

Province of New Hampshire Hillsborough ss

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captain General Governor and Commander in Chief in and over said Province, and the Honourable his Majestys Council, and House of Representatives in General Assembly Conven^d in May 1773—

The Memorial of the Subscribers Humbly sheweth, that Your memorialists are Inhabitents in the southwesterly corner of Dunstable in said Province, that our Situation is so Remote from the Meeting House in said Dunstable, that we and our Families cannot conveniently Attend the publick Worship of God there, by Reason of the Distance; & that we are about three Miles nearer to the Meeting House in Holles, then we are to Dunstable; that if we & our Lands were Annexed to Holles, it would be much more for our benefit & Advantage and Your Memorialists beg leave to Acquaint Your Excellency and Honours, that Nashua River is the Boundary Line where we live, between said Dunstable and Holles, that the River there is not in Either of the Townes, as Dunstable Bounds on the east side, & Holles on the west side, that a dispute haith Arose between these two Towns with Respect to Building a Bridge Over said River, on A Publick Antient Road leading through our Improvements, and as the River is not in either of the Towns where said Road Crosses, so the Bridge could not be built Unless by Subscription, (as the Bridge built there, by Subscription was Cary^d away, by ye water & Ice) or by Application to the Legislature, and in order for an Accommadation we

proposed that if Dunstable would set us off to Holles, and that if Holles would receive us, that we would do considerable part towards building said Bridge, over and above our Quota; whereupon the said Towns Agreed to accept of our proposals, and Agreed that we and our Lands should be Annexed to Holles &c—

Wherefore we pray that Your Excellency & Honours would be pleased to Attend to our Memorial, and annex and Incorporate us, and our Lands to and with Holles by the following lines & Bounds According to our agreement viz. Begining at a stake & stones on the Bank of the River, standing about fifteen rods below buck Medow falls so called, which is the northerly Bound of said Jaquiths Land, thence Running Southerly a Straight line to a Pine tree on the River Bank, being said Jaquiths Southwesterly Corner, thence down the River Including the same to the place began at; and that we may be Exonerated and Discharged from paying any Taxes, and proforming any Duty's at said Dunstable and that all said Tract of Land Improved and UnImproved, may be made a part of Holles, as Much to all Intents and purposes as if it had ben within the Original Boundarys, and Incorporation thereof, and we as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray.

April 30th 1773 Daniel Merril
Ebenezer Jaquith

[The foregoing petition was granted by an act passed May 14, 1773. A plan of the line is to be found in Manuscript Vol. 5, No. 121.—Ed.]

[5-120] [*Consent of Dunstable to the foregoing.*]

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dunstable April the 19th 1773

Voted that the Easterly Line of Holles be Extended Easterly to the following Bounds (Viz) to begin at a Stake and Stones about fifteen rods below Buck Meadow falls at the River which is Mr Jaquiths northerly Corner thence Runing southerly on a strait line to a Pine Tree on the River Bank which is said Jaquiths Southwesterly Corner, according to a Vote of the sd Town of Holles april the 12 1773: Provided that the sd Town of Dunstable be forever Excused from any future Cost to Effect the same, & Building & maintaining a Bridge over Nashua River at or near sd Jaquiths Mills—

A True Copy, Attest Jos Whiting Town Clerk

[5-122] [*Relative to a Hollis man enlisted in Massachusetts Regiment, 1778.*]

State of the massachusetts Bay—

In the Hows of Representatives Jan^r ye 31—1778 on the Petition of Uriah Wright In Behalf of the Selectmen of the town of Holles In the State of NewHamp^sr setting forth that one Eli Stiles of Said Holles did Inlist Him Self Into the Service for the town of Littleton In this State and Wase mustered by James Barrett Esqr and Receved the Contenantal and this States Bounty and Whereas said Eli Stiles Is also Inlisted In said Holles & Reckoned for a Soldier for said town and also Reckoned for a Soldier In said town of Littleton—

Resolved that it appears to this Court that the said Eli Stiles ought to be Considered as a Soldier for the town of Holles he belonging to said town and Not to be Reckoned for the town of Littleton and that upon the said uriah Wrights paying back to James Barrett Esqr both the Contenantal and this States Bounty the said Eli Stiles be Discharged from being a Soldier for said Littleton the said James Barrett Esqr to be accountable to this Court for the Bounties afore Said

Sent up for Concurrence J. Warren Speaker

In Counsell Janwary ye 31—1778
Read and Concurred— John Avery D^y Secrety

Consented to by the ma^r Part of the Counsell

A true Copy Attest John Avery D^y Secretary

[5-123] [*Relative to Appointment of Officers in the Militia, 1775.*]

Colony of New Hampshire—

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Holles—Publickly Notified, Voted Unanimously that this Town accept & highly Approve of the Plan proposed by the Hon^ll Congress as a Rule for a General Representation for this Colony in future, it also represented to this Town that the Hon^ll Congress for s^d Colony propose to Appoint Field officers for the Regiment lately Commanded by Col^o Lutwyche,* at their next sessions at

[*Col. Edward Goldstone Lutwyche came with his mother, Mrs. Sarah Lutwyche, to Merrimack in 1760, and occupied a farm and ferry which his mother possessed by a legacy from a relative. He was an educated man, and by profession a lawyer When news came of the battle at Lexington, April 19, 1775, he was in command of the Fifth regiment of the provincial militia, and was importuned by his officers and men to march them against the "common enemy," which he refused to do, and tried to discourage others from going. Some time during the night of the 20th of April, he left home clandestinely and joined General Gage in Boston. He was at Long Island in January, 1777, and probably went to England. His property was confiscated by the state, and the ferry privilege granted to Hon. Matthew Thornton, signer of the Declaration of Independence; and the locality still bears the name of Thornton's Ferry —Ed.]

Exeter, therefore unanimously Voted that this Town beg Leave to Recomend Col° John Hale Esqr as a suitable Person to Command s^d Rigement — also Unanimously Voted to Recomend Major Robart Reed as a suitable Person to be Lieu^t Col° of s^d Regiment

Holles Octr 25th 1775

A True Copy Attest

William Nevens Moderator

To the Hon^ll Congress
for the Colony of New Hampshire

[5-124] [*Relative to the Estates of Absentees, 1779.*]

State of Newhampshire Hillsborough ss

To the Hono^bl the Consel and General assembley of Said State—

This Information and Petition of the Select men of the town of Holles In s^d State In Behalf of the town Humbly sheweth that thair is In this town several tracks of Land that belonged to the absentees of the State of the massachusetts Bay (Viz) the one half of five hundred acres that Belonged to Col^ol William Brattle In PartnerShip With andrew oliver Esqr of Salam and one third of three hundred acres that Belonged to Co^l William Brown In Partnership With the Heirs of the Late Colo^l Brown and a Lot of about fifty or sixty acres that belonged to George Curwin of Salam—and s^d Land Hase Ben taxed agreeble to the Law of this State and No Person having appered to pay the taxes on s^d Browns and Brattles Land alltho the other owners have paid thair part of s^d taxes as to Curwins Land thair Was a Peace of that Sold to pay one years tax and a Person appears to pay the Rest but We apprehend it is With Desire to Keep the Land and to Prevent it from falling to the State Where it belonges and as thair is three years taxes Now Dew on s^d Browns and Brattles Land amounting In the Whole to the Sum of £52-15-5 With some Cost of advertizing the two Last years taxes it Being advertised for Sail but the Vandue Wase stoped as We found out that it Wase Land that belonged to absentees and so Would of Cours fall to the State— the tax Now Due on s^d Curwins Land is £10-7-0

Wherefore We Pray your Honors to take the matter Into your Wise Consideration and Pase Some order Which Way We Shall Come by said taxes as our taxes are Large and our Constables are uneasy to be Called on for money and thair being Some part that thay Cant git and thay think that thay must

Sell the Land to Pay s^d taxes if No thing is Don In the afair, and your Petitioners as In Deuty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

Holles october ye 23—1779

The Cost of advertising Hase Ben £3–0–0

Noah Worcester } Select men
Oliver Lawrence } of Holles

[5–125] [*Estates of Hollis Absentees, 1779.*]

State of Newhampshire Hillsborough ss.

To the Hon^bl The Council and General assambley or Committee of Safety of S^d State—

In obedience to a Resolve of S^d General assembley Pased November ye 10–1779 We Doe Inform and Hearby Return that thair is In the town of Holles The Folowing Places and tracts of Land (Viz) A Farm owned By Benjemine Whitting Esqr Containg good Buildings and about 50 acres of Land In Several Peaces the taxes assest thair on Have Ben Reccovered Without Selling of the Land.

allso a farm owned By Samuel Cumings Esqr Consisting of good Buildings and about 120 acres of Land the taxes of Which Have allso Ben got Except £3–9–0– In ye year 1778

allso A Place owned By Breed Batchelder Esqr of Packersfield Containg about 50 acres With Some Building thair on the taxes of Which Have Ben all paid By the Improver

allso 200 acres owned By Co^l William Brattle In Partnership With andrew oliver Esqr of Salam

allso 100 acres owned by Co^l William Brown of Salam In Partner Ship With the heirs of the Late Co^l Willm Brown the taxes of Which are all Due Which are as folowes (Viz)

In 1777 S^d 300 acres Wase taxed the Sum of	£6–13–6
In 1778	£5– 1–6
In 1779	£39– 0–0
Total	£54– 4–0

Holles Janewary ye 14–1780

N B We Had Ben at the Cost of advertsing olivers and Brattles Land Before We Knew it to Be tory Land

Which Wase £3–0–0

£54–4	Noah Worcester	Select
3–9	Stephen Ames	men of
3–	Oliver Lawrence	Hollis

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[5-126] [*Account of Sale of Confiscated Counterfeiters' Tools, 1780.*]

Agreable to the order of the General assembley of this State Pased february ye 12-1780 the folowing is an account of the Sail of Sundry articles that I Had In Possion Innumerated In Said order to Geather With my Bill of Expences (Viz)

The Whole of the articles Sold at Vendue Came to £113-0-0
an account of my Bill of Expences (Viz)

to a Serch Warrent	£2- 5-0
to my time In Said afair Examining mr farnsworth and Indeveouring to make further Discoverys	6- 0-0
to Cash Paid to the officsor and His assistance In Several Serches	27-16-0
to a Journey to Esqr Claggets for advice	4-19-0
to my Journey to Exeter	62- 0-0
to the Cost of the Vandue	10- 0-0
total	£113- 0-0

Holles Apriel ye 13-1780
Erors Excepted per Noah Worcester

I Rest it with your Honors Wisdom and Generousity Weather you Will make me any further alowance for the Service I Have Don the State In my Exerting my Self In order to Detect and Bring to Light the Said Vile and Distructive Plan and gitting Position of a Whole Set of money tools—and Remain your most Humble Servant

Noah Worcester

To the Hon^bl The Counciel and asambley of the State of New-hampshire

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[R. 2-94] [*Petition of Capt. Reuben Dow, 1778.*]

State of New Hamp^r

To the Honorable The Council & House of Representatives for said State in General Court Assembled at Exeter December 1778.

The Petition of Capt Reuben Dow humbly sheweth

That your Petitioner animated with a true Zeal to serve his Country Ingaged in the Service of the United States of America immediately upon the Commencement of Hostilities & had the honor to Command a Company, & attended his duty in that Station with great delight & pleasure to himself & to the satisfaction & approbation of the Public

That on the 16th Day of June 1775, he together with his Company with others was ordered to take possession of the ground near Bunker Hill, & on the 17th day was in the Heaviest part of the Battle at said Hill, at which time he had the Misfortune to be wounded in his right Ancle, by a musket Ball, which broke & much fractured the Bones, which caused him great pain & distress for a long time before it was healed—by means whereof he has lost the use of that joint, which renders him incapable of performing his duty in his Station, or undergoing the fatigues & hardships of the war—& whereby he is prevented from using and exercising (in a great measure) his usual and necessary occupation and business, for which he has received no consideration—

Wherefore he humbly prays your honors to take his case into your consideration & grant him such relief as your honors shall see fit, & your Petitioner as in Duty bound ever prays

Reuben Dow

Holles December 20th 1778

N. B. Capt Reuben Dow Recd his pay as Capt untill the last Day of Decemr A. D. 1775—

[The committee on sick and wounded officers and soldiers reported that he was entitled to half pay for one year from Jan. 1, 1776, and quarter pay thenceforth until otherwise ordered.

Captain Dow's company, of fifty-nine Hollis men, was in Col. William Prescott's Massachusetts regiment. This town also had four men in Capt. Moor's company, same regiment, and eight men in Col. Reed's regiment.—Ed.]

[R. 2–95] [*Aid to the Family of Jacob Danforth, 1779.*]

Hollis November ye 15, 1779 Received of the selectmen of Holles thirty-three Pound three Shillings and three Pence In full for my travel visits and medicions for the wife of Jacob Danforth one of our Continental Soldiers for three years

Per me Jona Fox Physicion

I acknowledge the above Charge of Doct fox against my Husband Jacob Danforth to Be Just and true

Per me Anna (her mark) X Danforth.

Janewary ye 18–1780

[She also acknowledged the receipt of provisions amounting to £114, 9, 6, which she had received at different times during the year 1779.—Ed.]

[R. 2-96] [*Soldiers' Petition for an Allowance for the Depreciation of their Pay, 1781.*]

The petition of the subscribers inhabitants of the town of Holles in the County of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire.—

Most Humbly Sheweth, That in July 1779, there was a Requisition for a number of men to Go into the Continental Service for the said Town, and your Petitioners were hired to Go for one year. * * *

Holles June 9th 1781

Caleb Stiles	Joseph Stearns	Ephraim Pairce
Simeon Foster	William Tenney for	JerathMeel bowers

[These men served in Col. Moses Nichols's regiment.—Ed.]

[R. 2-97] [*Relative to Lemuel Blood, Soldier, 1782.*]

The Deposition of Lemuel Blood of Holles In the County of Hillsborough and State of Newhampshire of Lawful age who testifies and says that he was a Soldier In the Contenental army in the year 1780 for the term of six months for the town of Holles and that he was on Command Near North Castle and was taken prisoner by a party of the Cow Boys so Called on the Ninth Day of November 1780 and was Caried to New york and that he made his Escape from the Enemy on or about the tenth Day of December 1780 and that he understood that the six months men was all discharged so that he did Not Return to Campt to git a discharge But made the Best of His way home and found all the soldiers that he went with at Home Holles June ye 15, 1782 Lemuel Blood

[Sworn before Noah Worcester.—Ed.]

[R. 2-98]

[Reuben Blood and William Connick testify as to what they know about the matter. They were in the service at the same time, and were discharged Dec. 4, 1780.—Ed.]

[R. 2-100]

[Jeremiah Prichard, "of Holles," states that he was appointed "adjutant to the First Regiment of the New Hampshire forces in January, 1778, and did that duty until June following, when a new arrangement took place." He asks for extra pay for said service.—ED.]

[R. 2-101] [*Soldiers' Orders.*]

[William Hale ordered what wages may be due him for service in the army, in 1780, to be paid to Augustus Blanchard. (Date cut off.)

John Bonner ordered £24, which was due him for service in the Second New Hampshire Regiment, in 1781, to be paid to Samuel Walker. This order was dated November 23, 1782, and has attached an acknowledgment before Jeremiah Pritchard, selectman, dated "Holles, July 26th, 1784." —ED.]

[R. 2-102]

To John T. Gilman Esqr Treasurer for the State of New Hampshire Pleas'd to pay Daniel Emerson Jr. all that is due to us for our Service in the Continental army one year (from July 1779 to July 1780) in Colel Scamil Regiment and his Receipt Shall be your discharge from us and you will much oblige your humbel Servants

Holles July ye 5th 1784

Test Solomon Rogers } Caleb Stiles Caleb Stiles Jun
Saml Emerson } Ephraim Pairce Grant Powers
Simeon Foster Jacob his X mark Hobart
Joseph his X mark Starns

[5-127] [*Relative to Estate of William Brown, an Absentee, 1784.*]

in the year 1782 the Land of Colo William Brown in Hollis an Absentee was taxed Seventeen Shillings & two pence one

farthing—which we pray may be allow'd according to a Particular act of this State in that Case made &c—

Hollis Octr 18th 1784

Wm Cumings } Select
Jeremiah Prichard } men

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Rc^{d} an order on the Treasry for the above Sum

Daniel Emerson Ju^{r}

[5-128] [*Relative to the Restoration of Monson, 1782.*]

To the Honble Council and house of Representatives to be Convened at Concord in September Anno Domini 1782—

We the Subscribers or a number of us Subscribed our names to a petition praying that your honours would Restore the Ancient Town of Monson to its former Situation as to boundaries, & that it might be invested with the same powers & immunities which said town formerly held and Enjoyed—And whereas upon further Consideration we are well Satisfyed that it will be a Great Disadvantage to all the inhabitants of the tract of Land formerly Called Monson if the prayer of said petition should be Granted, because we Consider that the inhabitants who are settled up thro' the middle of the town are Chiefly new, and pay but a very small proportion of taxes, as yet, and we see that our present taxes are heavy, and making new roads from the various parts of said town to the Centre, together with the many other Charges to which Towns are Subjected, we are Convinced will be Exceedingly burdensome—

Wherefore we humbly pray your honours would not Grant the prayer of said petition, but that you would Alltogether Reject the same, and your humble petitioners will ever pray &c.

Holles Septem^{r} 14th 1782—

David Wallingsford
Richd Bayley

[5-129] [*Petitioners' Tax, 1782.*]

The first State Tax for 1782—

Neh^{h} French	£1, 14, 2, 3	William French J	2, 18, 9,
Benj^{a} Messer	18, 2,	Tim^{o} Emerson J^{r}	1, 2, 6, 1,
Joseph French	1, 6, 7, 2	Tim^{o} Emerson	17, 0, 3,
Ivory Hovey	15, 9,	Silas Spaulding—	1, 16, 3, 3,
William French	12, 1, 1	Jonas Shattuck—	18, 2,
Oliv^{r} Bowers	1, 17, 10, 1	Eben^{r} Gillson	19, 1,
Jerahmeel Colburn new Comer			
			£15 : 18 : 7. 2

David Wallingford	£3, 6, 4,	John Starns	1, 1, 2, 1
Edward Foster—	1, 8, 1, 2	Jotham Starns—	15, 9,
Starns Needham	1, 12, 5, 3	Robt Perkins—	14, 6, 2
Jon^{s} Danforth	3, 3, 9, 3		
Thos Emerson	1, 16, 11, 1		£16, 18, 8, 1
Merah^{m} Leamon	1, 1, 11,		15, 18, 7, 2
Jon. Spaulding	1, 1, 10, 1		
Benj Emerson	15, 9,	Total	32, 17, 3, 3

The above sums affixed to the Names above written is their first State Tax for 1782 taken from the Town Records—

Attest William Cumings, Town Clerk

Hollis Novr 18th 1782—

The first State Tax for 1782—

Robt Colburn—	£1, 19, 11, 2	Robt Colburn J^{r}	£2, 14, 8, 2
Nath^{n} Colburn—	2, 8, 8,	Benj Colburn—	2, 15, 1, 1
Danl Bayley—	2, 8, 5, 2	Joel Bayley—	18, 2,
Danl Bayley Jr	12, 1, 1	Saml Hayden—	3, 2, 1
Danl Kenrick,	4, 18, 10	Thad^{s} Wheeler	3, 2, 9, 2
Jonas Willoughby	2, 13, 11	Eben^{r} Farley—	3, 10, 0, 2
Wm Nevins	3, 10, 3, 1	Jos Nevins	1, 18, 4, 2
Benj Nevins	1, 6, 7, 3	oliv^{r} Sanders	2, 2, 6,
Thos Powers	1, 7, 5, 1	Josi Parker—	5, 1, 6, 1
Josi Parker J^{r}	19, 4, 2	Jos Eastabrooks—	16, 9,
Jos. Stearns—	1, 14, 3, 3	Zacch^{r} Shattuck	2, 13, 1,
Zacch^{r} Shattuck J^{r}	1, 9, 8, 1	Elath^{n} Blood J^{r}—	1, 4, 10,
			£55, 14, 7, 2

The above Sums affixed to the Names above written is their first State Tax for 1782 taken from the Town Records—

Hollis Novr 18, 1782—

Attest Wm Cumings Town Clerk

[5-130] [*Statement of a Grievance, 1783.*]

To ye Honble Committee of Safety for ye State of New Hampshire—

Gentlemen,

Sensibly Touch'd with a matter of Grievance, I take an Opportunity to acquaint your honours with it in as few words as Possible concerning the Extant issu'd against the Town of Hol-

lis which not to impeach the Authority, as a Town we take it exceeding hard—

not to magnify Our good Deed, we must remind your honours of our faithfully answering every Requisition thro' a Series of Hardships in the past Calamitous Times we have not been Deficient a pound of Beef neither has a man been Wanting on our part, even the man in Dispute with what we give him the Supplies of his family Exclusive of this last Trouble cannot be computed at less than £100 Lawful money—

Your honours are Sensible of the Grievous burden of Taxes our People are under which we bear with Patience as appropriated in Defence of a Righteous Cause, but add to all this, for the People of Hollis to bear the Odious name of being Corrected for Deficiency while Innocent, this may it please your honours causes us to sigh deeply at heart and is it not enough to fetch Tears from our Eyes You alone Gentlemen can rectify this matter and as the Eyes of Servants are to their masters, or rather as the Eyes of Children full of Grief, are to their Tender Parents so our Eyes are to you, while we Esteem it a Blessing of heaven that we have those at the head of Our affairs who are ready to hear and we have not in our hearts to Suppose your honours would willingly see us injured, Wherefore we implore your kind interposition in this matter which so nearly concerns us and that no advantage may be taken by reason of our Papers being out of Our hands for we are not disputing a Nice Point in the Law nor are we able to for we are illiterate men and want nothing but Justice if we offend by Speaking too much we willingly ask Pardon and desire to Acquiesce in your Determination while with duty & Respect we rest your honours most Obedient & Humble Servants—

Hollis Octr 21st 1783.

Wm Cumings
Solomon Wardwell } Selectmen of
Ebenezer Jewet } of Hollis—

[5-131] [*Relative to Articles of Confederation, 1783.*]

Hollis Octr 13th 1783, the inhabitants of the Town of Hollis aforesaid with the freeholders being met on adjournment after having maturely debated matters under Consideration—

Voted, that our Representative use his influence in making the propos'd alteration, respecting the eighth Article in the Confederation of Perpetual union taken from the Records—

Attest Wm Cumings Town Clek

Hollis Octr 30th 1783—

Hon^{bl} Council & House for N. HampE—

[5-132] [*Petition of Certain Persons to be set off to Raby, 1783.*]

To the Town of Hollis—

The Petition of us the Subscribers Inhabitence of the Westerly Part of s^d^ Hollis, Humbly Sheweth that by Reson of many Inconvenences We Labour under by Living in such a Remote part of Hollis so fare from meting and at such a Distence from the other Inhabitence of s^d^ town that We are Depriv^d^ in a great measure of the prevelege of Schoolling and by Reson of the Badness of the Rods it is Verey Deficult for sum of us to git to the Town of Hollis and at sum Sesons of the year it is Even impracticable Except We first goo into the town of Raby and travel Sum Ways in the same before We Enter Hollis again—

and as we live much more Compact with the Inhabitence of Raby and think it mite be more Convenent for us to belong to the town of Raby to which if we ware set of it is Lickly the s^d^ Inhabitence of Raby and us your Petitioners mite both Injoy the preveleges of preaching and Schoolling—&c—in a more ful and ample manner then Ither thay or us can under our present Sittuation we theirfore beg you to take our Case into your Wise consideration & if you in your Wisdom can see fit that you would give your Consent to have a part of the westerly part of Hollis set of to Raby—(that is that part that Raby formely expected) Begining at the Sandy bank so cold at Nissitisit River and from thence a North pint by the Nedel acrost Hollis which we humbly conseve would not be a great Dammag to Hollis But Verey advantagus to the town of Raby—and us your Petitioners

December—5—1783

James M^c^Donels	Simeon Senter	James mcDaniels Jun
jesse parkins	Phinehas Bennet Jr	Joshua Smith
John Cumings		

[The foregoing petition did not meet with success, and another in similar language, dated "Hollis Octr 15—1785," was sent to the legislature, signed by the following men:

James M^c^Donell	Simeon Senter	Ebns^r^ Gilson
Jesse parkins	Joshua Smith	Joshua Smith Jur
Thomas Lawrence	Ezekiel Proctor	Phinehas Bennet.

The petition was opposed by Hollis, as may be seen by the following document, but the petitioners, assisted by the inhabitants of Raby, succeeded in procuring the passage of an act, Feb. 17, 1786, setting off a strip three quarters of a mile wide from the west side of Hollis, and annexing the same to Raby.—ED.]

[5-136] [*Opposition of Hollis to the Petition of Raby, 1785.*]

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Hollis Sep^{t} 15th 1785

Voted that this Town will oppose the Petition preferr'd to the Genl Court, by the Town of Raby, That Daniel Emerson Esq. be fully impower'd to oppose said Petition, also voted that Noah Worcester Esq. Capt Dow Ens. Jerem^{h} Ames William Cumings & Capt Goss, be a Committee to State the matter fairly and give said Emerson Instructions in writing relative to the same, taken from the Town Records

True Copy Attest William Cumings Town Clerk

To Daniel Emerson Esq. Representative for the Town of Hollis—

Agreeable to the above votes of the Town of Hollis, impowering You to Oppose the Petition of the Town of Raby, & us to give you Instructions thereon, You are hereby instructed to oppose said Petition—in behalf of the Town of Hollis, for the following Reasons (viz).

first as the said Petitioners represent their Weakness and inability to Support the Gospel or maintain Schools, it cannot be supposed that the addition of nine families Settled on such a Tract of Land as they Represent unfit for Cultivation if Granted could remove the Difficulties of which they complain—

2^{d} as they represent in said Petition, that they at their Incorporation had reason to expect some further help from said Town of Hollis, that we know of no Reason that they had to expect any such thing unless it was by some mistake in their own Measure as they themselves measured it before the incorporation, that the Town of Hollis never measured nor Joined in Measuring until after the Incorporation, That the Votes of the Town of Hollis, previous to said incorporation of Raby were design'd to fix the meeting House in the Sentre of the Town east & west, which Votes of said Town were confirmed by the Charter of the Town of Raby—

3^{d} That as they in their Petition request to begin at the Great Sand Bank so Called, and run a Paralel line with the Town of Raby opposite to their Northeast Corner, then a closing line to their Northeast Corner, which if granted will leave a Tract of land with a Number of inhabitants on the same about two miles Square, belonging to Hollis, at the northerly end of Raby extending as far west as the west line of Raby excepting the width of the mile Strip—

4th That the meeting-House in Hollis now stands on a plat of Ground which it seems nature form'd for that purpose being pleasantly Situated, that the Town has been at a Great Expence

in laying Out and making Roads to accommodate the same, which well convenes the Inhabitants from all parts of said Town That if said Petition should be granted, consequently, the meeting house would not be in the sentre of the Town—which may probably cause an uneasiness in the Easterly part of ye Town, which might cause the Town to live in Contention or lay them under the disagreeable Necessity of building a New meeting house, and of being at a Vast expence to accommodate Roads, to the same, which never can be done with that Convenience that it now is—

Hollis Sepr 28th 1785—	Noah Worcester Reuben Dow Jeremiah Ames Wm Cumings John Goss	Com^tee^ in behalf of ye Town of Hollis—

[5-133] [*Petition for Magistrate, 1784.*]

To his Excellency the president and Honble Council of the State of New Hampshire—

We the subscribers principal Inhabitants of the Town of Hollis, By this our petition

humbly Shew: That whereas the Inhabitants of said Town are numerous: Business frequently Arises which requires the Aid of an assistance of two Justices. Unus Quorum: for want of whom we are often put to great Inconveniency besides Traveling to a distance to get our Business accomplished. Therefore we desire that we might be Indulg'd the priviledge of having two Justices in s^d^ Town and that one of them might be of the Quorum; and as Daniel Emerson Junr our Representitive for the time being; Is a person of Fidelity & Trust universally esteem'd and one who (we conceive) will give the greatest Content we beg Leave to recommend him to your favour, And that he might be appointed and commissioned as a Justice of the peace; in Addition to the present, and as In Duty bound shall ever pray—

Hollis June 2^d^ 1784—

William Poole	William Read	Jacob mooar
uriah Wright	Solomon Wardwell	Ephraim Lund
Benj^a^ Wright	Nathan Colburn	Stephen Jewett
William wood	Daniel Kendrick	Elijah Clark
Daniel Bayley Junr	Aaron Bayley	Joseph Nevens
Eben Farley	Benjamin Farley	Jonathan Taylor
Stephen Farley	Nehemiah Hardy	Joel Bayley
Timothy Emerson jr	Ju^r^	Timothy Emerson

Thomas Emerson
Daniel Kendrick Jur
Isaac Hardy
Abram Boynton
Eliphelet Brown
Caleb Stiles
John Attwill
Joseph Wheat
Nicholas youngman
Nathan Phelps
James Farley
Timothy french
George Abbott
Benjamin Abbott
Ephram Pirce
Simon perce
David emes
Francis Powers
Benjamin Emerson
Benj^{a} Colburn
Samuel Hayden
Oliver Bowers
Levy Hardy
Joseph Haskell
Joshua Smith
Fifield Holt
John Willoughby
John Phelps
Sam^{ll} Jonson
Benj Farley third
Jonas woods
Amos Eastman
Joseph Haywood
Jonathan Dix
Isreel kinney
Joseph Lasley
Abijah Smith
Benj^{a} Astin
Silas Spaulding
Oliver Bowers Ju^{r}
Benjamin Nevens
Jonas Leslie
Francis Blood
Jacob Jewet Ju
Sam Willoughby
Samuel Wright
Lemuel wright
Caleb Farley Jur
Wm Cumings
Jonathan Eastman
Josiah Woodbury
Cyrus Proctor
John attwill Jun
William Brooks

[This resulted in the appointment of Dea. Emerson as requested.—Ed.]

HOOKSETT.

This town was incorporated by an act approved July 2, 1822, and was composed of portions of the towns of Chester, Dunbarton, and Goffstown; set off from those towns in answer to a petition from the inhabitants. The name "Isle au Hooksett" and "Isle au Hooksett Falls" was attached to the locality many years before the incorporation and naming of the town, but the editor is unable to ascertain its derivation. As long ago as 1746, a pond in the north part of Chester was called "Isle Hook's pond," by one of Capt. Ladd's scouts, who says they camped near it. It is now known as Lakin's pond. I am inclined to think the locality was named by Indians or Canadian French.

The following documents do not relate to Hooksett as a town, but to the locality, and for that reason are given in this place.

A slight change was made in the boundaries of the town Jan. 5, 1853, when a small tract was severed from Hooksett and annexed to Allenstown.

[5-153] [*Joshua Abbott for a Ferry, 1782.*]

To the Honorable the Council and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Court convened at Concord the 11th Day of June 1782—

We the Subscribers inhabiting near Isle a Huckset Falls on Merrimack River apprehend a Ferry is much wanted at or near said Falls, which would greatly accommode the Public, and Joshua Abbott having purchased a Piece of Land and bargained for a Boat in order to keep said Ferry, Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that your Honors would make a Grant of said Ferry to said Abbott and your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray—

Laben Hereman	William Fifield	Joseph Abbot
John Hart	John Odlin	David george
Jonathan ——	Samuel Davis	Aaron Stevens
John Carter	Bruce Walker	Stephen farington
Nathe Abbott	Joseph Carter	Timothy Bradley
Ebener Hall	William Brown	Enoch Coffin
Timothy Hall	Brown John	Philip Abbott
Abner flanders	John Carr	Nathan Green
Richard flanders	Simeon Carr	Paltiah ——
Richard flanders	Dan Stickney	Stephen Hall
Olivr flanders	Smll Willard	Joseph Haseltine
Phenehas ——	Thomas Cochran	Thos Stickney
N. C. Abbott	Francis Mitchell	Thomas Chandler
Robt Harris	Daniel Brown	Samuel Farrington
Benja Hanaford	Ephraim Kinsman	Ephraim Colby
Enoch Brown	James Moor	James Walker
Nath Green	Ephraim moor	Stephen Abbot
Daniel Hall	Moses moor	Stephen Kimball
John Blanchard	Luther Clay	Benjn Fifeld
Richard Ayer	Timo Walker Junr	Robert Davis
William mestin juner	Joshua Abbott	Micah Flanders
Moses Carter	Daniel Abbott	Daniel Carter

[Mr. Abbott did not obtain the grant.—Ed.]

[5-154] [*Dustin and Martin for a Ferry, 1782.*]

To the Honourable the Council and Assembly of the State of New Hampshire Now Convened at Concord In said State—

We the Petitioners John Dusten & Daniel martin of Chester In the County of Rockingham in said State humbly sheweth that your petitioners has Lived many Years In said Chester on the Bank of merimack River In such asituation for keeping a

Ferry, as Is Very convenient to accommodate a great Number of the Inhabitants of Goffestown Dunbarton and of many other towns a bove who have Occasion to travil to the Lower Part of this and the massachusetts State that highways have been Laid out by the town Joining on both Sides of the River to said Place and well made and Repaired and that Your Petitioners has been at a considerable Expence In building and maindening of boats and giving constant attendance to Ferry People across for more than sixteen years when the profets was Very Inconsiderable and In Nowise Equal to the Expence and that there is now considerable traviling and dayly increasing Being found to be Very advantageous to the publick and that your Petitioners suspects that a petition will be prefered to your Honours for a Licence to keep a ferry on said River about two or three miles up said river from where your petitioners keeps their ferry (where there are no Roads Laid out on neither side of the River to the place) with an Intent to prevent your petitioners from any profit by their ferry wherefore your petitioners humbly prays that you would grant them a Licence to keep a ferry where they now Does and that if a petition shall be prefered as Suspected that you would Dismiss the same or appoint a Commitee In the Vicinity to View the place proposed for a ferry with the place for Roads on both sides of the river as well as your petitioners ferry and the Roads leading to and from the same and make Report that your petitioners may have an opportunity of appearing on Any future day you may appoint to shew cause and your petitioners as in duty bound will Ever Pray—

Chester June 14th 1782 John Dusten
Daniel martin

[In H. of Rep., Nov. 19, 1782, a committee having viewed the premises reported in favor of establishing the ferry asked for by Dustin and Martin, instead of the one asked for by Mr. Abbott, and a vote giving leave in accordance therewith passed the assembly. The locality is still known as Martin's Ferry.—Ed.]

[5-155] [*McGregore and Duncan for Exclusive Privilege of Locking Hooksett Falls, 1794.*]

To the honble the Senate and house of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire, convened at Exeter on wednesday the 25th of Dec. 1793.—

Humbly shew your petitioners, that they conceive the advantages arising from canals opened round the falls of Rivers in a

Country of such vast extent as ours, and at a great distance from the sea-ports, to be almost innumerable. That the enterprize and public spirit of the present age, have afforded ample proofs of this, and have inspired your petitioners with an intention of commencing a work of such universal utility. That, should the river Merrimac, as is projected, be made navigable for boats, timber &c from its mouth, round Amoskeig-falls; the benevolent intention of the legislature would be rendered quite useless, unless a canal was also cut, for that purpose, by Isle-a-hooksett-falls, upon the same river and above the said falls of Amoskeig. Your petitioners are sensible that an undertaking of this nature is hazardous and expensive, and attended with almost insurmountable difficulties.—But that the public may be accommodated with a work of such obvious utility, your petitioners have resolved, with the encouragement of the legislature, to cut and perfect a canal round the said Isle-a-hooksett-falls with all possible deligence.—

They therefore pray, that this honorable body would grant to them the exclusive privilege of cutting a canal round said Isle-a-hooksett-falls, for said convenient purpose of navigating boats, timber &c, by said falls with safety and dispatch; and that they would allow them such reasonable toll to compensate their trouble and expence as they may think proper. And that they may have leave to bring in a bill accordingly. And as in duty bound will ever pray.—

Exeter January 1st 1794.— Robert McGregore
William Duncan

[In H. of Rep., Jan. 4, 1794, the petitioners were granted leave to bring in a bill. Subsequently the privilege asked for was granted, and the same was extended in 1797.—Ed.]

HOPKINTON.

This town was granted by the government of Massachusetts, Jan. 16, 1735, and was No. 5 in the "line of towns" granted by that province on territory which the settlement of the line in 1741 decreed to be in New Hampshire. The grantees were men of Hopkinton, Mass, and this township was called New Hopkinton until it was incorporated by the governor and council of New Hampshire, Jan. 10, 1765.

John Jones, of Hopkinton, Mass., was authorized, Nov.

24, 1736, by the general court of that province to call a meeting of the grantees of No. 5.

The grant of this town covered some of the territory contained in the grant to Bow by the government of New Hampshire in 1727, and trouble arising in regard to collecting the province tax, an act was passed Dec. 13, 1763, decreeing that Abel Kimball, Timothy Kimball, Timothy Clements, Eliphalet Colby, Green French, John Chadwick, Abraham Kimball, Jeremiah Kimball, James Kimball, Moses Straw, Jonathan Straw, John Eastman, William Peters, Hezekiah Foster, Jeremiah Kimball, Jr., Thomas Jewell, Reuben Kimball, Daniel Watson, Obediah Perry, Joshua Bayley, John Kimball, John Jewell, Parker Flanders, Isaac Colby, Thomas Hoit, the widow Susanna Kimball, and their estates, which were within the limits of Bow grant, should be joined to the "District of New Hopkinton." (See Vol. IX, p. 406.) A house was built "near the meeting house spot" by Henry Mellen, prior to Sept. 30, 1738, as a proprietors' meeting was called to be held in his house at that time.

Among the early settlers was John Jones, who settled in the westerly part of the town. Aaron Kimball from Bradford, Mass., came about 1739, and built a fort about a mile east of the present village of Hopkinton. He was the father of Abraham Kimball, the first white male child born in town. Samuel and John Putney, from Amesbury, Mass., built a fort on what is known as Putney's Hill. David Woodwell came from Hopkinton, Mass., and built a fort near the location of the present village of Contoocook; the place is identified by the depression made in excavating the cellar. It was surprised by Indians in April, 1746, and eight persons captured. The first minister was James Scales; the second, Elijah Fletcher, from Westford, Mass., ordained Jan. 27, 1773. His daughter, Gratia, was the first wife of Daniel Webster.

The township was within the bounds of "Mason's Patent," and was regranted by the Masonian Proprietors, Nov. 30, 1750, to Henry Mellen and others, but for what consideration is unknown.

The legislature held sessions in this town in 1798, 1801, 1806, and 1807; and it was for some years one of the shire towns of Hillsborough county, prior to the formation of Merrimack county in 1823.

The reader is indebted for much of the foregoing to C. C. Lord, Esq., who kindly furnished the editor with an able article, the result of much research, from which extracts have been made.

[5-152] [*Petition for the Privilege of having a Representative, 1773.*]

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captain General, and Governour in chief, in and over his Majestys Province of New-Hampshire; And vice Admiral of the same—

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Hopkinton, in the County of Hillsborough in the Province of New-Hampshire aforesaid, in Town-Meeting assembled, on Thursday the twenty eighth Day of October, Anno Domini 1773, and in the fourteenth Year of his Majesty's Reign, humbly Sheweth—

That whereas your humble Petitioners think it would be an Advantage to them to be represented in the great General Court of this Province by a Man of their own Town, and of their own chusing. Therefore we humbly pray that your Excellency would, in your great Goodness grant us the Liberty & Privilege of chusing & sending a Man to the General Court for that Purpose, now, and for the future—For which Goodness, Your humble Petitioners, for your Excellency, as in Duty bound shall pray—

Voted in the said Meeting, That Captn John Putney prefer the above Petition to his Excellency the Governour.

Joshua Bayley* Town Clerk

Isaac Chandler, Joseph Putney, John Putney } Select men of Hopkinton in the Name & Behalf of the Town

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[5-151] [*Relative to the Formation of Counties, 1772.*]

To his Excellency John Wintworth Esquirer Captain general and governour in Chief in and over his Majestys Province of New Hampshire and Vice Admiral of the Same—

To the Honourable his Majestys Council And to the Honourable House of Representatives in general Court Assembled—

The Petition of the Inhabitants and free Holders of Hopkin-

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* Joshua Bayley came from Plymouth, Mass., pricr to the incorporation of the town, and settled about a mile east of the present village; commanded a company at Bennington; was at Stillwater in 1777, and in the Rhode Island expedition in 1778. He died April 9, 1806, at the age of 68.—Ed.

ton in the County of Hillsborough and Province aforesaid humbly Sheweth That whereas some Defficulty has arisen of Late among us in this town which we cannot decide our Selves and which we think Requires the Wisdom and Authority of the Honourable general Court to adjust and Determine. We therefore your Humble Petitionors hereby apply our selves to your Excellency and your Honours with all Humillity for Direction and help—Our Difficulty began Emediately after the Publication of an Act of the Legislature of this Province approved of by his Majesty in Council for Dividing said Province in Countys which after following the first County Line, from the mouth of Piscatqua River Round to Concord Line (It says) Thence Round the westerly lines of Bow Concord and Pembroke to Merrimack River—which if it means the westerly line of Bow as it was first laid out or the Line to which we the Inhabitents of said Hopkinton purchased—Then it will Nessacarily follow that all that Part of said Hopkinton which was within Bows Claim is in the County of Rockinham and then said Hopkinton is divided part into the county of Rockingham and part into the county of Hillsborough which makes a great difficulty respecting our town affairs therefore we your Humble Petitioners Earnestly pray that your Excellency and your Honours would be graciously pleased to take the matter into your Judicious Consideration and Resolve us in this thing (Viz) Whether your Honours ment or Intended that all Hopkinton agreeable to their Incorporation should be in the County of Hillsborough or Whether you Intended that all that part of Hopkinton that was formerly in Bows Claim Should be in the County of Rockinham if the former we are fully satisfied but if ye Latter we humbly Beg that your Exelency and Honours would so order and Determine that all our said town may be in the County of Hillsborough and that we may be all one as we were agreeable to an act of the Honourable General Court in January 1765 by which act all that part of said Hopkinton that was within Bows Claim was separated from said Bow and was joined with and United to said Hopkinton to all Intents and Purposes for which Favour your Humble Petitionors for your Exellency and Honours as in Duty bound shall ever pray—

Dated at Hopkinton May ye 8th 1772

Signed by

John Putney Isaac Chandler Abel Kimball Joshua Bayley James Scales	A Committee apointed by and in the name and behalf of the town of Hopkinton

[In H. of Rep., May 27, 1772, "Voted that the whole of said Hopkinton be determined to belong to the County of Hillsborough."

Council concurred.—ED.]

[5-150] [*Proceedings of a Town-Meeting, 1772.*]

At a meeting Legally Cold and Held at the meeting House in Hopkinton on thirsday the 2 Day of January 1772 at one of the Clock in the afternoon then Vote on the folewing articles

1 Voted that Capt Putney moderator to Regulate Said meeting

2 Voted to send a man to Portsmouth to See if the Town is Devided in to two Countys

3 Voted that Leiu[t] Jonathan Straw Should be the man that is to Represent the Concarns of the Town to the Gineral Court with a Petition to have all of the Town in one County

4 Voted that James Scales Esqu[r] Cap[t] Putney Leiu[t] Chandler Abel Kimbal and Joshua Bayley be a Committe to Sine a Petition in the Towns be-half to Send to the Gineral Court

a true Copy taken of from the Records By me—

Joshua Bayley Town Clerk

Hopkinton may 25 1772

[5-149] [*Relative to the Formation of Counties, 1772.*]

Province of New-Hampshire Hopkinton, May 25th 1772.

Pursuant, and in Obedience to an Order of the General Assembly of this Province, bearing Date May 20th 1772, brought hither by Lieu[t] Jonathan Straw of this Town, last week; Said Order having Reference to a Petition, signed by a Committee of the Inhabitants of said Hopkinton, & presented to the General Assembly by the said L[t] Straw; said Petition bearing Date, May 8th 1772. I Joshua Bayley One of the Committee that signed the said Petition, served the major Part of those of the Inhabitants of Hopkinton who live within the Township of Bow with the said Petition and Order, by reading both to them; and then leaving a Copy of the said Petition with one of them, viz. m[r] John Jewett.

And we, Nathan[l] Clements, & Timothy Farnham of said Hopkinton, went with the said Joshua Bayley, from House to House among the Inhabitants of said Hopkinton who live within the Township of Bow, and heard the said Bayley read

the said Petition, and Order to the Major Part of said Inhabitants; on Saturday the 23d day of this instant May; and on this 25th Day, in the Evening of said Day, we saw the said Bayley deliver a Copy of the said Petition and Order to mr John Jewett, aforesaid, to be left with him the said John Jewett

Joshua Bayley
Nathaniel Clement
Timothy Farnham

[Sworn to before James Scales.—Ed.]

[5-148] [*Capt. Stillson relative to Soldiers, 1776.*]

Hopkinton July the 19th 1776

Sr I, Can Inform you that mr Hoit has Enlisted Fourteen men, and they have passed muster and Paid by Colonel Walker, as the men Chuse him for an Officer and to go With me, I understood by your Honours that any man that wou'd Enlist a Numbr Sufficient should be intitled to a Commission, it is Reckon'd he can Git a Numbr more if he Can be Sure of a Commission

From your Humbe Servant—

Wm Stillson

To Colln meshech Ware

[5-147] [*John Hale declines the Appointment of Major, 1777.*]

Hopkinton March ye 3d 1777—

Hond Sir—

I am informed by Capt Livermore that you have wrote me two Letters neither of which has com to hand I acknowledg my self much indebted to you for the Honr you have done me in appointing me to the office of majr—when I consider the importance of the post & how much I fall short in filling it my Excepting would rather Injure then help that Service which I have much at heart. I am also settled in a New Country Distant from Neighbors & must be under the Disagreeable necesatity of breaking up house keeping which will almost put me in a ruinous Condition. Humbly beg youd be pleased to appoint Some other person in my Room & am Gentleman your most obedient & very Humble Servt— John Hale—

[5-146]

State of New Hampshire

To the Honourable Council and Assembly Convenied at Exeter—

May it please your Honours your Humble Petetionor having Lately come out of the Service of the United States with his two sons and wanting Lands to Settle on has taken up three hundred acres of Land one hundred for himself and one hundred for each of his said sons on that tract of Land called Fishersfield which was Granted to John Fisher Esqr who is Supposed to be an enemy to the Glorious Cause of Liberty now Contending for by the United states of America—and as such your Humble Petetionor Supposes that the Lands of the said Fisher will be forfited to this State and of Consequence be disposed of by the Authority of the same should this be the Case and the Matter come Under your Honours Judicious Consideration your humble Petetionor prays that he and his sons may be Quieted in their Possessions and be considered as Settlers or have the Liberty of purchasing their lands as wild Lands without Its being Exposed to Publick Sale—And your humble Petetionor as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Hopkinton May ye 14th 1778

Timothy Clements

[The foregoing was dismissed.—Ed.]

[5-145] [*Remonstrance to the Appointment of Benjamin Wiggin, 1785.*]

To His Exelency—

President for the State of New Hampshire;—and to His Hon^{le} Privy Council;—

We Y^{r} Petitioners humbly sheweth; That whereas the Town of Hopkinton, has Been Very Unanimous In the Cause of America, in Y^{e} Late struggle with Greate Britton Except A few Persons, who always in Discourse and Actions Seemed to Us; To favour Britton and to be Against the Causes of America; and we Understand one of those person Are in Nomin'tion to Bee A Magistrate in this Town, Viz; Mr Benjamin Wiggin; if he Should Attain to that Office We think would be Very Disagreeable to the People of this Town in General, therefore Our Petition to Y^{r} Exelency and Hon^{e} is that You would Neglect putting the Above Named Mr Wiggin into Office; and in Sted Thereof Would Grant S^{d} Office to Some person Which

has Appear[d] to be A steady Good friend to his Country,—and Y[r] Petitioners As in Deuty Bound Shall Ever Pray.—

Hopkinton Nov[r] 2nd 1785.

Peter How	Joseph Chandler	Enoch Long
John Chadwick	Thomas Webber	John Putney
Eliphelet colby	Stephen Harriman	Enoch Eastman
John Clement	Thomas Bayley	Isaac Chandler
Moses Gould	Jonathan Straw	Joshua Morse
Jonathan Chase	Abel Kimball	Isaac Bayley
David Kimball	Jacob Straw	Enoch Long J[r]
Elias Gould	David Fellows	Samuel Chase
Robert Knowlton	Henry Blake	
William D: Colby	John George	

[5-144] [*Petition for the Appointment of Benjamin Wiggin as a Magistrate, 1786.*]

To his Exellency John Sullivan Esq[r] President of the State of Newhampshire and to the Honourable Privy Council in Concord Convean'd

Whereas Wee your Humble Petitioners understand that M[r] Benj[a] Wiggin of Hopkinton hath been on the List for a Justice of the Peace but as yet hath not been appointed to the Dissapointment of us your humble Petitioners and perhaps Many others, alltho there are two Justices of the Peace in Town allready yet Wee humbly Conceive it to be Convenient to have one more and as M[r] Wiggin in our opinions is as Well Quallify'd as any Person in town in a Convenient Situation and a person well Dispos'd humbly pray he may be appointed Justice of the peace and Wee as in Duty bound Will Ever pray

Hopkinton 14th June 1786

Jaems Emerson	francis thurber	Ralph Cross
Benj thurber	William Stanley	John Eastman
Rich[d] Cresy	John Ardway Jur	Joseph ardway
John Ardway	Thomas Bickford	Joseph Putnee
Caleb Burbank	Lawrence M[c]Laughlin	David Young
Moses Titcomb	David Clement	Nathaniel Clement
William putney	James Buswell	Nicholas C Buswell
Joshua Clement	John webber	Tappan Evans
Jon[a] Herrick Ju[er]	James Smith	Daniel Stickney
moses Clement	Timothy farnham	Jons Clough
John Farnham	John Currier	
Noah Pearson		

[5-143] [*Another Petition in favor of Wiggin, 1786.*]

To his Excellency John Landon Esq^er Presedent of the State of New hampshire and to the Honourable Privy Council Next Sitting at Portsmouth

Whereas We your Humble Petitioners are Informed that there was a Petition Prefered to your Excellency and your Honours at your Last Sessions at Concord Intimating that Mr Benj^a Wiggin of Hopkinton Was unfrindly to the Cuntrey in the Late war Which wee Believe to be groundless wee Never Knew but that m^r Wiggin freely and Voluntarily offerarded his assistence through the whole war Nither do wee know of aney unfriendly act by him Perpetrated but in our opinions is well disposd and in Some good measure quallifyd and wee your Humble Petitioners Pray that he may be appointed Justice of the Peace and wee in duty Bound will Ever Pray

Hopkinton 24th January 1786

William Morison	Wheeler Wilder	David Bowman
phinehas Campbell	Samuel Kimball	Joseph Gibson
simeon pope	Jno Goodenow	William Sawyer
Moses Adams	John Tucker	Joseph Eager
Jo^s Marsh	Elisha Barns	Jonathan Sawyer
Samuel Barr	Luke Eager	Joshua Heath
Oliver Noyes	Nehemiah How	Eben^r Howe
Thomas Brown	Nathaniel Joslyn	Francis Whittiar
David morrill	Edwd Hunter.	Levi Kemp
Daniel Tyler	JoB Campbell	William Chambers
Micah How	Noah Amsden	Samuel Dunlap
Jesse Campbell	Benj^a Hoyt	John Campball
Benjamin Currier	Eben herrimen	Win Partrick
Joseph Lewis	Nathan Putney	Joshua Wright
Jonathan Parrish	Frances griams ior	Elijah Kemp
John Morrill	Ephraim morril	Gideon Adams

[On another petition, No. 141, of same date, and for the same purpose, are the following names :—Ed.]

John Tewksbury	Isaac Babson	Laurence McLaughlin
Timothy Wiley	Jacob Stanly	
Nathaniel Fifield	James Hogg	Jno Chadwick Junr
Archibald Stinson	Wil^m Tenny	William Stintson
Jno Webber	Jonathan Allen Juner	Thomas Stickney
Da^v Young	Isaac Long	Jonathan allen
John Currier	Tappen Evans	Moses Titcomb
Aquila Davis	James Wallace	David Bagley

Simean Eastman	William Stanly	Benjamin Thurba
Jams Emerson	Ezzra waldron	francis thurber
Nathaniel Eaton	Richd Cressey	Noah Pearson
Joshua Eaton	Tim^{o} Gibson	James Clough
Timothy Farnham	Henry Eastman	Ezra tucker
John^{s} Farnham	Sargent Currier	Ebenezer Virgin
ralph Cross	john Easman	Wm Tyler

[Benjamin Wiggin came from Stratham in 1774, and kept a tavern, in front of which a reception was given to Gen. LaFayette when he visited this state, as says C. C. Lord, Esq.—ED.]

[5-142] [*Petition in Favor of Lieut. Joshua Morse, 1786.*]

to His Excellency President of the State of New Hampshire and His most Honr^{ll} Privy Council.—

we y^{r} Petitioners Inhabitants of the town of Hopkinton Humbly Sheweth that we Understand that Several Persons of this Town are in Nomination for the office of a Majestrate and Likewise that Neither of them are as yet Commision^{d} therefore our Petition to your Excellency and Hon^{rs} is that the office may Be Granted to Lieu^{t} Joshua morse as we are well Sattisfied as to the Abilites and Qualifications of the Gent^{ll} man above Named for office also we Beg Leave to Inform y^{r} Excellency and Hon^{rs} that in the time of the Late Contest with Great Brittan he always appeared to Be a steady friend to the Glorious Cause of our Independence Likewise may it Please y^{r} Excellency and Hon^{rs} for y^{r} further Sattisfacton as to the Carrector of the Gent^{ll} man we y^{r} Petitioners Shall take it as a favour that you will be Pleas^{d} to Consult our Representative at the Next Sessions and Hearby we flatter our Selves that Every obstable may Be So far Remov^{d} from y^{r} minds as to Commission him as Soon as may Be Consistant with the Rules and Regulations of our Constitution and we your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray

Abel Kimball	David Kimball	Enos hunt
Nemiah Colby	Samuel Jewett	Richard Webber
Josiah Nickels	Eliphelet Colby	Green french
Stephen Jewett	Robert Knowlton	Abraham Kimball
Ezekiel Knowlton	Levi Hildreth	Isaac Cheney
Moody Smith	Josiah Smith	Jonathan Herrick Se^{r}
Isaac Quimby	Jonathan Quinby	Nathaniel merrill
Daniel Herrick	Henry Blake	Smith Kimball
Peter Darling	John Trussel	William Colby

Jonathan Herrick Jur	Joseph Burnham	Moses Darling
Timothy Darling	Samuel kimball	Gideon Gould
Nathaniel Kimball	moses Emerson	Jonathan Straw
Moses Hills junr	Samuel Chase	Peter How
Moses Trussell	Jonathan Chase	Daniel Tenny
John thing Connor	Jonathan Allen Ju	Zechariah Story
Jeremiah Story	Joseph Story	Jonathan Allen
Nathan Story	Isaac colby	Joseph Colby
Ezra Hoyt	John Hoyt	John Boynton
Jacob Straw	ZabuLon Norris	Samuel Farington
Stephen Smith	Joseph colby	Benning Smart
Ephraim Colby	Caleb Smart	James Straw
John Kimball	Joseph Smart	Marl Morrill
Elijah Durgin	Samuel Straw	John gage
thomas Webber	Jeremiah StoryJun	Joseph putney Jr
Thomas Bickford	william putney	Elijah Homes
Moses Gould	Enoch Eastman	Joseph Barnard
Benjamin Homes	Samuel Harris	Nathaniel Rowell
Moses Chase	Thomas Story	
David Clough	Enoch Long jr	

[5-140] [*Another Remonstrance to Mr. Wiggin.*]

To his Excellency the President of the State of New Hampshr and his Honorable Councel

it being the earnest desire of a great number of Good men in Hopkinton that I would write to your Excellency on a Matter that much disturbs the greatest part of the People in Hopkinton is a Petetion which has been Spread in this and the Naboring Towns Last weak i Could wish only to have the matter farely Stated to your Excellency as I trust it will be by Lt Darling So that the authority of the State may not be imposed upon by having Petitions Prefered to them: that was handed about and Signed on public Days over a Cup of groog this being the meathod that was taken to obtain the greater part of the Signers that is in favor of Mr Benjamin Wiggin being on the Sivel List and as this Petetion in fave of Mr Wiggins refers Back to one that was Sent to your Excellency and Honarable Council when Seting at Concord which Petetion was Signed by Sum of the Principel men in Hopkinton thay Could have had the Cheeaf of the men in Hopkinton to have Signed it if thay had thought Proper those men that Signed the Petetion that wos prefered to your Excellency when at Concord is able and ready to Support what thay then Charged mr Wiggins with if Mr Wiggins Signers Could make out that he ever did any thing that appeared

frindly to this State through the war it would Be in his favor, as Hopkinton went through a teados war without the help of this Valuable Wiggin it is thought that we Can do with out him it is the Prayer of many that Mr Aaron Greeley may Be Honered with a Commission of the Peace it is most Likely to me that he may Sarve the Public the Best of any man in Hopkinton

Hopkinton February 1 : 1786

I have the honour to Be your Excellency & Honnors most obedia^n and Humbell Sarvant

Joshua Bailey

[The foregoing documents not only contain the names of probably nearly all the men in town, but show the earnest endeavors put forth by the men of those times for the office of justice of the peace.—Ed.]

[R. 2–103] [*Enlistment Papers, 1776.*]

Hopkinton Septem^r 17, 1776.

We the Subscribers do volintarly inlis into the Continall army to sarve at new york till the first Day of December next insuing to Sarve as Solders under the Command of Such Captain and See Boltens as Shall Be appointed By the Field Officers of this Rigement as witness our Hands

William Darling	Ezekiel Straw	Jacob Hoyt
Timothy Darling	Nathaniel Kimball	Benj Bach^dr Darling
William Godfree	Sargent Currier	
Elias gould	Gideon Gould	

[R. 2–104] [*Depositions relative to Service in the Army.*]

Then Jacob Tucker of Warner Thomas Story William Clement Joseph Standley Thomas Bigsford Abner Colby Joseph Putney Jonathan Putney Ebenezer Eaton of Hopkinton all in the State of New Hampshire and County of Hillsborough yeomen Parsonally appeared and Being Duly Examined and Corshened maid Solem Oath that thay Sarved as Soldiers in Capt William Stilsons Company and Colo Isaac Wymans Rigement at mount independence in the year 1776 and that thay Never Receivd any Saus money for the whole of the time that thay were in Said Wymans Rigement and that for the

month of November thay Never Received any wages nor travil money Hom Direct nor inderect

Examined and Sworn before

Joshua Bayley Jus^{t} Peac

Hopkinton Novemb. 7: 1777

[Jacob Waldron of Warner and Stephen Hoyt of Hopkinton made oath before the same justice that they "Sarved as Saboltens in Capt William Stilsons Company at mount independent in the year 1776." Dated Hopkinton, November 8, 1777.—Ed.]

[R. 2-105]

[Reuben Trussell, who was wounded at Bennington, was allowed £23, 12, 4, October 31, 1778, for doctors' bills, etc., and placed on half pay from September 19, 1777.—Ed.]

[R. 2-106] [*Enlistments, 1781.*]

Hopkinton September 20: 1781.

S^{r} agreeable to your orders I have inlisted Seven Men to Serve three months theare names as follows

Moses Colby	Stephen Putney	Samuel Eastman
Richard Smith	Moody Clement	Daniel Stickney Jur.

of Hopkinton and David Stickney of Concord

the men have marched this day

Joshua Bayley

To Col Thomas Stickney of Concord

[R. 2-108] [*Certificate of Soldiers Mustered, 1781.*]

This May Certify that Tim^{y} Farnham Abraham Currier John Eaton has this 5 Day of April pas^{d} Muster for the Town of Hopkinton for three years & Benj^{a} Cresey the 6 april pas^{d} Muster for three years for the town of Hopkinton & that Ephraim Hildreth, Saml French, Michael Stocker, John Robinson has pas^{d} Muster for the Town of Hopkinton Dureing war with great brittain all Mustered at Amherst ye 5, &, 6, of April 1781

Moses Nichols M Master

To whom it may concearn

[R. 2-111] [*Petition of Joseph Marsh, Soldier, 1787.*]

Your Pertitioner Humbly Sheweth that he Inlisted into Capt Daniel Runnels Company and Cor^{l} Nathaniel Peabodys Rigement in the years Sarvice in the Expedition at Rhode Island in the year 1778 and when he received his wages it was of but Very little value to what the same was when he Inlisted * * *

Hopkinton June 13, 1787

Joseph Marsh

[In June, 1778, £425 of continental paper money was equal to £100 in silver. In June, 1779, it took £1,342 of the former to equal £100 of the latter. Marsh petitioned to have it made up, but for some reason the petition was "dismissed."—Ed.]

[R. 2-112] [*Petition of Samuel French, Soldier: addressed to the General Court, 1787.*]

Humbly shews Samuel French of Hopkinton in the County of Hillsborough and State aforesaid, that he your Petitioner in the year 1781 Inlisted into the Continental Service in Capt Moses Dustins Company and proceeding on his march to White plains, from thence I was ordered to March to Mohawk River and was there taken by the Indians and carried beyond Canada and has remained a prisoner ever since June 1782 until March last, when he returned Home—for all which he has received no compensation Wherefore your Petitioner Humbly prays that this Honb^{l} Court would take his case under their wise consideration and make him such compensation as they in their wisdom shall think fit

Concord June 14th 1787.

Samuel French

[He presented another petition the following December, with the following documents to substantiate his statement: —Ed.]

March ye 17 1783

I due here by sertify at Samuel French Hath fuly payed for His Redemsian from the Indians

John Cambill

Hopkinton June 20th 1787

This may Sartify that Samuel French of Hopkinton was taken by the Indions Sum Time in June in the year 1782 at the

Little falls in Moohook River according to the best Integence we had Being Soulders Stationed at Saratoge the same year

Timothy Farnham
John S. Farnham

Meredith September the 1 1787

this is to Certyfy that Samuel french was taken By the indens at the Little falls of the mohock River he Belongin to Capt Bells Company in the 2 N. H. Rigment with me

Oliver Smith

Pursuant to a vote of the General Court passed Feby 1st 1788, I have entered Samuel French in the Depreciation Books for four years wages, commencing June 1782, amounting to Ninety Six pounds. Interest to be paid annually

Attest J. Gilman

Exeter Feby 15th 1788—

[R. 2-115] [*Petition of Elijah Smart, Soldier, 1791.*]

State of New Hampshire
To the Honbl General Court now setting at Concord

The Petition of Elijah Smart Humbly sheweth, that in the year 1777 he enlisted for three years in Capt Nat. Hutchen's Company in Colo Cilleys Rigmt and in the year 1778 was taken sick in the Camp, of the Yellow fever and Carried to the Hospital at Valley forge and from thence was removed to the Hospital at the Yellow-Springs, where he had the Mortification in one of his feet which Occationed the loss of several of his toes. * * *

Elijah Smart

Hopkinton Jan. 19: 1791

[Hopkinton men in the First New Hampshire Regiment:

Daniel Cressy, entered April 10, 1777; discharged April 10, 1779.

Moses Colby, entered April 4, 1777; discharged April 4, 1780.

Ephraim Cross, entered April 16, 1777; discharged 1780.

John Chadwick, entered April 6, 1777; discharged April 5, 1780.

John T. Connor, entered April 8, 1777; discharged April 5, 1780.

Ebenezer Collins, entered April 6, 1777; discharged October, 1777.

Benjamin Cressy, entered April 6, 1781; discharged March 17, 1782.

Alva Currier, entered April 5, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

Joseph Eastman, entered April 10, 1777; discharged October 30, 1777.

John Eastman, entered April 10, 1777; discharged July 8, 1777.

John Eastman, Jr., entered May 6, 1779; discharged ———.

John Eaton, entered April 5, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

John S. Farnham, entered May 5, 1779; discharged December, 1781.

Timothy Farnham, entered April 5, 1781; discharged ———.

Enoch Hoit, entered July 3, 1777; discharged July 2, 1780.

Ephraim Hildrith, entered April 5, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

Jona. Judkins, entered April 10, 1777; discharged April 10, 1780.

James Lamb, entered March 10, 1777; discharged March, 1780.

Samuel Stocker, entered April 10, 1777; discharged March 7, 1780.

David Smith, entered April 10, 1777; discharged August 4, 1778.

Elijah Smart, entered April 7, 1777; discharged April 10, 1780.

Caleb Smart, entered April 7, 1777; discharged April 10, 1780.

Jona. Sawyer, entered April 4, 1777; discharged April 5, 1780.

Some of the foregoing were in the same regiment again in 1782 and in 1783.—ED.]

[5-138] [*Remonstrance to the Ordination of Rev. Jacob Cram, 1789.*]

To the Council appointed to Ordain Mr Jacob Cramb in the work of the Ministry—

Reverend Sirs; we would inform you that when Mr Cramb had a Call from the people of this Town to Settle in the work

of the Ministry in a Town meeting we Suppose there was not more than one fourth part of the Voters, in Town that voted for his Settling as aforesaid: Since that time we understand there has many informed him before he had given his Answer, that they had no desire he should settle in this Town, as aforesaid; and Considering the present Circumstances of the Town and other Reasons which might be given we have No desire that he Should settle in the work of the ministry, as aforesaid And we would inform you that it is much against our opinions to do any thing toward his settleing in said Town or support him if settle'd: and we apprehend that if Mr Cramb, should Settle in this Town it will be the means of Causing Law suits, and Cause of much Confusion in said Town. Therefore, we would pray you to advise. Mr Cramb not to settle in said Town and you to Desist from ordaining of him in Said Town; and in So doing you will oblige your Humble Petitioners—

Hopkinton Feby. 10th 1789

Moses Long	Abel Rowell	Stephen Putney
James Clough	Jeremiah Fowler	James Emerson
Isaal Gould	John Eastman	Ensley Brown
Steph Herriman Jr	Calib Burbank	ralph Cross
Joseph putney Jr	Moses Kimball	Henry Currier
Thomas Eastman	Mathew Stanly	Ezekiel Hadley
John Emerson	Abrm Currier	Solomon Bayley
William Peters Jr	Noah Pearson	Enos hunt
Samuel Currier	Jeremiah Emerson	Timothy Flanders
Thaddeus Ladd	Amos Bayley	David Morrill
Joseph Clark	Thomas Clough	Samuel Page
Nathaniel Eaton	Benjamin Hoyt	Nathan H Morgan
Isaac Perley	John Perley	Samuel Straw Jr
Samuel Sawyer	Robert Hanaford	John Gould
Jacob Straw: 3	Jeremiah Flanders	Stephen Harriman
Gideon wood	Jonth Sawyer	Abner Hoyte
David Clough	Jacob Hoyt	John Eaton
Reuben Currier	Richd Cresey	Samuel Hoit
Elijah Holms	John Holmes	Daniel Flanders
Moses Jones	Jaob Stanly	Joseph Hastings
David Clement	Timothy Emerson	Jacob Straw
Christopher Gould	Abraham Rowell	Daniel Tenny
Jacob Clarke	Amos Gorden	Moses Kezer
Henry Blake	Nicolas C Buswell	
Levi Bayley	Ichabod Gould	

A Copy of Said Petition

Samuel Wood
Scribe of Sd Council

[Mr. Cram was ordained notwithstanding. See following document:—Ed.]

[5-137]

State of New Hampshire

To the Honble the Senate and House of Representatives for said State to be Convened at Portsmouth the fourth Wednesday of December AD 1789—

Humbly shews the Subscribers Inhabitance of the Town of Hopkinton in the County of Hillsborough and State aforesaid That it is Rational to Suppose and favoured by the Constitution of Said State that no person ought to be Compelled to pay Taxes for the Support of a Minister of the Gospel whose Sentiments in Religion are Different from his That in February last the Revd. Jacob Cram was Ordained in Said Hopkinton Previous to which many of us by ourselves and Agents Objected against his being Ordained thinking his Sentiments not agre able to ours Notwithstanding he was Ordained and we are Taxed toward his Support We think it Cruel that we Should in a day when a Spirit of Liberality in Religious Sentiments Pervades the Continent and not a Single Constitution in the United States compells a Man to pay where he cannot Conscientiously hear & be Compelled to Pay this Man; We wish to Support the Preaching of the Gospel at the Same time Wish for a Man of our own Choosing We therefore Beg that we may either have a Poll Parrish in Said Town or that the same may be divided in Such manner as the Honble Court shall think best And as in duty bound Shall ever Pray

Thaddeus Ladd	Moses Jones	Levi Bayley
Jacob Straw, 3	John Emerson	Reuben Currier
Joshua Eaton	Isaac Perley	John Perley
John Gould	Nathan H Morgan	Jacob Rowell
Ebenezer Ordua	Timothy Emerson	Nathaniel Eaton
William putney	John White	Samuel Sawyer
Samuel Straw	Ichabod Gould	Thomas Eastman
Amos Bayley	Abner Hoyt	Nathaniel Morgan
Stephen Harriman	Ezekiel Hadley	Joseph Clark
Richd Cresey	Caleb Burbank	David Merrill
Sargent Currier	Abr^m Currier	James Clough
Danill Gunnison	Simeon Dow Junr	Nathaniel Rowell
Jon^a Sawyer	Moses Hastings	Joseph Hastings
Abraham Rowell	Moses Kezer	Jacob Straw
Noah Pearson	Samuel Hoyt	Jacob Hoyt
Benjamin Hoyt	Jonathan Gorden	Gideon woods
Israel Gould	Amos Gorden	

[In H. of Rep., December 26, 1789, a hearing was ordered for the second Tuesday of their next session, at which time, June 15, 1790, the matter was further postponed to the second Tuesday of their next session. I fail to find any further action in the matter.—ED.]

HUDSON.

The largest part of the territory contained in this town was included in the ancient grant, by the provincial government of Massachusetts Bay, of the township of Dunstable, October 16, 1673, O. S. In 1722 a portion of this grant was annexed to the town of Londonderry, and in 1732 all that remained of Dunstable east of Merrimack river was incorporated into a town named Nottingham.

In 1734 the north part was taken off, and, with other territory, incorporated into a town named Litchfield. The aforesaid changes were made by the general court of Massachusetts, the territory being considered a part of that province until the line was established in 1741.

Settlements were made on the banks of the Merrimack as early as 1710, the people living in garrisoned houses, and planting their corn on land cleared by Indians for that purpose.

The town was incorporated by the governor and council of New Hampshire, July 5, 1746, in answer to a petition from the inhabitants (Vol. IX, page 417), and named Nottingham West, and retained that name until it was changed to Hudson by an act of the legislature approved July 1, 1830.

The south-westerly part of Londonderry was annexed to this town by an act passed March 6, 1778.

[*Nottingham West Men in First N. H. Regiment.*]

[Robert Burts, entered April 28, 1777; discharged July 8, 1780.

Nathaniel Hardy, entered May 1, 1777; discharged March 5, 1778.

Amos Kenney, entered April 3, 1777; discharged October 7, 1777; killed.

Thomas Barry, entered April 12, 1779; discharged April 10, 1780.—ED.]

[5-172] [*Complaint concerning Rev. Nathaniel Merrill, 1747.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Capt General Governor & Commander in Chief in & Over His Majestys Province of New Hampshire the Honble His Majestys Council & House of Representatives for said Province in General Assembly Convened the 2^{d} day of December, 1747.

The humble Petition of Josiah Cummings & others whose Names are hereunto subscribed Inhabitants of Nottingham West in said Province shews

That the Inhabitants of said Town since their Incorporation as a Township under this Government, have proceeded to call & settle one Mr Nathl Merril as the Gospel Minister of said Town which your Petitioners Opposed and from which they always dissented Requesting that they might be Excused both from calling him & paying towards his Support because they could not like him for their Minister.

That notwithstanding the different Sentiments of your Petitioners in this matter & the steps they took to discover their dislike of the Proceedings the Town have calld & settled the said Minister & have rated your Petitioners as others who have been Active therein—and your Petitioners supposing the Town in general was not desireous of compelling them to join against their Inclination have Requested the Select Men of said Town to Insert a Clause in a Warr^{t} for calling a Town meeting to see if the Town would not Excuse your Petitioners & discharge them from paying as afores^{d} till they should attend the Ministry of Mr Merril (which as yet they do not) or to call a meeting for that purpose both of which has been denied by the select men—

That your Petitioners conceive had such a motion been regularly made at the Town meeting the Town would have dismiss'd your Petitioners & Exonerated them from any charge having the Example as well as the Advantage of such a Dismission made by the Town of Dunstable of a Number of their Inhabitants who dissented from the proceedings there Relating to the Settlement of a Minister whereby the Town of Nottingham will not upon the whole be prejudiced—But however that may be your Petitioners humbly conceive it to be a hard Case to oblige them to belong to & to support the Ministry they cannot like & do not attend & when they may attend the Ministry at Dunstable to their Satisfaction & with Equal Conveniency as in Nottingham Wherefore they humbly pray that they may be discharged both Polls & Estates from paying any thing towards the support of the Ministry at said Nottingham so long as they attend else where & they shall Ever pray

Josiah Cumings	Jeremiah Blodget	John Snow
heenry Snow	Samuel Jewet	Benjamin Frost
Reuben Greley	Beniamen Snow	
Eleazar Cumings	Samuel Hushton	

[In H. of Rep., March 9, 1747, the matter was postponed until the selectmen of the town had called a meeting to see if the town would consent to the foregoing request.—ED.]

[5-171] [*Granting Authority to Mr. Cummings to petition the Legislature, 1747.*]

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of Nottinghamwest Authorize and Impower Mr Josiah Cumings of said Nottinghamwest to Petition the Genll Court of New Hampshire that we may be Excused from paying Taxes to the Revd Mr Nathl Merril in order that we may pay at Dunstable where we attend and to Act fully in our behalf relating that affair said Mr Merril being settled in said Town contrary to our Consent and conience likewise we having entered Protest Against the vote where by he was settled the Selectmen having Assessed us for the same notwithstanding and having refused to put our desire of being Excused in to a Warrant for a Town meeting

Nottinghamwest Sepr 14th 1747

Eleazar Cummings	Jeremiah Blodget	Ruben grele
John Snow	Samuel Juewet	Josiah Cumings
Beniamon Snow	Samuel Huston	
henry Snow	Benjs Frost	

[5-170] [*Relative to Ministerial Affairs, 1747.*]

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dunstable in the Province of New Hampr on the fifteenth day of September 1747

an Extract from the votes of said meeting a vote was proposed as followeth—

Whereas this Town of Dunstable on the 31t of Augt last voted and chose ye Revd Mr Samuel Bird for the settled minister of this Town and Joseph Blanchard Esqr, Henry Adams, John Lovewell Jur Jos French, Jons French, Jons Combs, Josiah Swan, Sylvanus Whitney, Ephraim Butterfield, Thos Blanchard, Joseph Butterfield, Richard Stratton Ephraim Adams, Thos Adams Phineas Adams, Saml Searles, William

Lund Jur, Phineas Lund & John Combs having manifested their dissatisfaction with the choice and unwillingness to attend his Ministry therefore voted and Agreed that said persons and their poles for the time being Lyable by law to be rated and such Tenants for the time being as shall live on their Estates unless such tenants shall give their attendance at said Mr Birds meeting be and hereby are Excused and discharged from all rates and taxes what So ever that shall be raised and Assessed on the Inhabitants of this Town for the settlement Salary or support of the said Mr Bird and all other their Estate Real and personall while in their Possession equally discharged also for the Errecting and finishing a meeting house where the said mr Bird shall preach Always reserving as the condition of this Grant or vote that the Persons discharged as afore said do not vote in any affaire relating to the said mr Birds settlement Salary or support or the placing ordering or Building the said meeting house and in case any of them for the future do thus act in any of the affairs as afore said then the afore going vote to be void as to such person also provided that when any of said persons shall give their Generall Attendance on the said mr Birds ministry the afore said vote where by they are Excused to be void as to such person—

voted in the affairmative

A True Copy Examd per Jona Lovewell Town Clerk

[5-169] [*Alleged Illegal Voting in 1747.*]

Where as we the subscribers Inhabitants of Nottinghamwest in the Province of New Hampshire in New-England being present at a meeting of the Inhabitants of said Nottinghamwest ye 9th day of March 1746/7 when several persons ware Allowed by the Moderator to vote in said meeting that was not Quallified by the Laws of this Province to vote in Town affairs and Altho Objection was then made against said persons voting they ware still Allowed to vote in said Meeting and there by votes ware made in said Meeting which if they stand will be Hurtfull to us the Subscribers and many other Inhabitants of this Town as well as contrary to the Laws of this Province therefore we the Subscribers desire and Impower Mr Josiah Cumings of said Nottinghamwest in our names & behalf to Petition his Excellency the Govr & the Honoule Council and Representatives of said Province to Know if said Meeting shall stand Good or not—

Nottinghamwest March ye 30th 1747

Zacheues Lovewell
Samy^{el} Huston
Elexander Thomson
Joseph Snow
John Snow
John Mitchell
Eleazar Cummings
Arthur Darrahe
Ezekiel Hills
William Taylor
Ezekiel Grele

[5-168] [*Petition relative to foregoing in 1747.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Capt General Governor and Commander in Chief in & over His Majestys Province of New Hampshire the Honble his Majesty's Council & House of Representatives for said Province in General Assembly convened the 12th Day of May 1747

The Humble Petition of Josiah Cummings of Nottingham West in said Province in behalf of himself & Sundry other Inhabitants & freeholders of said Town shews

That on the 9th Day of March last past the Inhabitants & freeholders of said Town met to chuse the Town Officers for the Ensuing year & to transact other affairs proper to a General Town Meeting and after chusing of a Moderator they proceeded to business, in the conduct of which the Moderator was greatly negligent of his duty in suffering Persons to Vote who were not Qualified for nor Intitled to that Privilege by which means things were carried against the Minds of a Majority of the Qualified Voters & such Votes past as will (if put in Execution) be very prejudicial to the Interest of the Town as well as many particular Persons and tho' Objection was made to the Moderator against admitting such unqualified voters yet he disregarded & over Ruled the same against Law & Right

That as this is a thing of a very pernicious tendency & Dangerous consequence & which ought not in any Instance to be tolerated as it is an abuse of a very great Privilege as well as a breach of the Good & wholsom Laws in that case provided every honest man ought bear Testimony against & do his Endeavour to have discountenanced by that Authority which is the Guardian of English Liberties as well as Enacter of good Laws—

Wherefore your Petition^{r} Humbly prays the premises may be Inquired of and if found in any Degree as above Represented that the said Meeting be declared Void & the proceedings & Votes then & there past Vacated, a new Meeting Called for the purposes of the first, and a suitable Person Appointed Moderator to Govern the same and your Petition^{r} as in duty Bound shall Ever Pray &c—

Josiah Cumings

State of Newhampshire—

[5-167]

To the Honoroberle Counsel and house of Representative—

Gentelmen—

may it Ples your Honours that we the Subscribers Humbly shew that we ware Notifyed With A Copy of moses Hadlys Petition of Nottingham west to appear at Exeter the Eighteenth of march Instant and shue cause Why the petition should not be ansurd but so far from that we Pray that the Petition may be ansurd

Samuel marsh Selectman
David Laurance
Samuel Wason
Moses Johnson
Samuel Greelee

[5-166] [*Relative to Jonathan Searle, 1775.*]

Nottingham west June ye 9th 1775—

We the Subscribers being Neighbors to m^r Jon^th Sarles and have been acquainted with him this some time, and for his Relief we are Desirous to Let all Generous People know his Conduct, & Cirumstances, &c—

He has Lived this some years in the Town of Nottingh^m west, and is, (as far as we know) an honest Principled man and has been honest in his Dealings with mankind as far as he was Capable of, to the utmost of his Ability,—But fortune has not favoured him with the Good things & comforts of this Life, by Reason of Sickness & other frowns of Providence, for he has had Sickness in his family at certain times for many years Past, and more Especially since about five years ago Last April he hath had a Daughter Sick & under the care of Physicians the biggest Part of the time, and She is Reduced as it were to a Skeleton & a mear nothing, and is Exceeding Troublesome, for she has been confined to her bed this two or three years Past, and we Don't know as she is Likely Ever to be any better, but may continue so, this many Years, he has had for her the Advice of many Physicians, to no Purpose—he has also two Children besides her, that will never be capable to maintain & take care of themselves—one of them is 22 years of age, or near it & has had convulsion fitts from a Child & is an object of Pitty. The other is about 18 years of age, which is Incapable of Doing much Business, for Nature & Providence has not Endowed him with faculties & Activity Enough to Provide for himself, & besides all this, he is scarcely Ever well in

health, & is very often under the Doctors care—Mr Sarles himself is purblind, and of late his Sight is much Depraved & Impaired being something Advanced in years—and therefore he is not fit to Do much work—he has also another Child that is not Endowed with Active Lively faculties & foresight, sufficient to manage without Directions from time to time, & Likewise being not so well calculated for business as is Common, by Reason of the Total loss of the sight of one Eye, Even from a child Therefore if you that see these Lines, think that you can bestow something to such a Needy person and help him a Little in his Great Difficulty & trouble it would be a Deed of Charity in your so Doing, to help the Poor & needy in their Distress—

Signed by John Mussey, their family Physician also by Dr Cummings

Let the Chearful heart be open, & Revive
The weak & feble, while they are yet Alive—

Pelham Octr ye 27th 1783—

This may Certify, that Jacob Sarles is in a weak Infirm State of health—

John Mussey

[5-165] [*Relative to Land of William Brattle, 1777.*]

To the Honorable the Council & the House of Representatives setting at Portsmouth the fourth Day of November next—

The Petition of we the Subscribers humbly sheweth—That whereas there is a Tract of land containing about 250 Acres lying in Nottingham-West, in the County of Hillsborough, & State of New-Hampshire, belonging to the Heirs of William Brattle Esq; deceased: who in his life time fled from his Country to the Enemies of America; And whereas it is probable that said Land will become the property of this State: And whereas great waste and dammage has heretofore been done to said Land by striping it of Timber that grows upon it, and as there is the highest probability that still greater wastes will be made in time to come, if no measures are taken to prevent it—From a Desire, therefore to preserve the Property of the State, we beg your Honors, to take such measures, as you in your wisdom shall see meet, to prevent, for the future, the Destruction of the Timber growing upon said Land—

As we your Petitioners in Duty bound shall ever pray—

Nottingham-West 31st Octr 1777—

Abraham Page	John Hale	Jona. Bradley
Stephen Kenney	John Hestine	Gideon Butler
Page Smith	Timo Smith	Jno Caldwell

[5-163] [*Relative to the Protection of Fish, 1778.*]

To the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives for the Stat of New Hampshire at Exeter Conveind—

Gentlemen—

The Petition of us the Subscribers Humbly sheweth that Whereas there is a Brook in the Town of Nottingham west and County of Hillsborough that Runs from Woo Tannack So Called in s^d^ Town to Merimack River in Which large numbers of Fish known by the name of Alle Wives has freequently Rune which would be a Great Benefit to the Publick provided said Stream could be kept clear and Also the mouth of the Brook upon the River And all Ell pots and Obstructions by which means some Evil Desposed Persons are detirmanded to stop the General Rune of said Fish to ye Great damage of the Publick therefore We your Petitioners Prays your Honours in your Wisdom would take into consideration the same and provide such measures as may be thought by you proper so that s^d^ Town may be Enabled to lay Restractions on such evil minded Persons for the Future and we your Petitioners as in Dutey Bound Shall Ever pray—

February ye 7th 1778—

Jno Caldwell	Asa Davis	Henery Hale Junir
Robert Glover	henry hucy	Willm Gibson
James Caldwell	Nathaniel Haseltine	John Haseltine
David Cumings	Nickles Eastman	Seth Wyman
Ebenezer Barker	Timothy Smith	Jon^a^ Bradley
Thomas Wason	Daniel Marshall	Giden Butler
James Wason	Page Smith	Philbrick Colby
James Caldwell	John Hale	David Glover
Alexander Caldwell	Samuel Smith	William Glover
Abraham Page	Stephen Kenney	Bengamon malven
Eliphet Hadley	Henery Hale	

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 18, 1778, the foregoing were granted leave to bring in a bill, and an act granting protection was passed March 5.—Ed.]

[5-162] [*Petition relative to aforesaid Act, 1779.*]

To the Honorable the Council and house of Representatives for the State of Newhamp^re^ in General Court—

May it please your hon^rs^ we your humble petitioners understanding that there is an act made in this Honorable Court ordering a Sluice to be made through Moses Hadleys mill Dam in Nottingham-west and to continue open about 3 months which of course will draw of the water so that the Mill will be En-

tirely useless till the water can be raisd again which cannot be done till fall of the year and as s^{d} mill is of the utmost service in the time when s^{d} Sluice is to be open all the other mills round at that season being dry and cant grind and this mill if there is no Sluice to draw off the water can and does Supply a great number of Familys wherefore your Humble Petitioners pray that s^{d} act may be reconsidered and ordered that instead of a Sluice (which will ruin the mill) that there may be a ditch at one End of the dam which may Easily be made so that the fish may go up and down and it will not draw the water so but the mill will be of great use to many distressed Families while the water is running in s^{d} Ditch and we Likewise pray that the time set forth for the water to be running may not Exceed six weeks which will be long Enough for the fish to pass and repass in gratifying us in these things you will oblige your Humble petitioners Ever to pray.

Feby 18 1779—

Moses Hadley	Richard Hardy	Willm Gibson
Samuel marsh	Philip Hills	Saml Burbank
Danil Marshall	Oliver Hills	Saml Burbank Junr
Ebenezer Cumings	Reuben Spaulding	Moody Hardy
Eben^{r} Perry	Joseph Wilson	Andrew Sceavy
Daniel Hardy	George Burns	Samuel Durant
Peter Cross	Samuel ———	Moses Johnson
John hall	Samuel Brown	Thomas winn
Elezear Cumings	Natha^{l} Merril Jur	Samuel French
Isaac Merril	Elijah Hill	Joseph merrick
Joshua Chase	Ezekiel Grele	Seth Cutter
Justus Dakin	Joseph gould	Ebeneser tarbox
Samuel Pollard	Nathanael Davis	Moses Barret Juner
Ebenezer Pollard	Moses Barret	James Barret
Josiah Cummings	James Barret Jun	Thomas Barret
Henry chase	Richard Marshall	Elijah Marshall
Jos Greele	Isaac Page	Jamas marsh
Jonathan Hardy Jr	william Cummings	Abiathar Winn
Stephen Chase Juiner	David Marsh	Joseph Winn
John hardy	Jonathan Marsh	Joseph Winn J^{r}
Joel Barrat	Joseph Blodget	Joseph Winn J^{r}
William burroughs	George Burns	Sam^{el} moor
Richd Cutter	William Burns	Stephen Chase
Isaac Page Jun.	Saml Greele	Benja Marchall
Joseph Cross	edward farmer	John Walker
Simeon Barret	Ichabod Esman	John Pollard
David tarbell	Alexander Caldwell	Eliphalet hadly
David Lawrance	Samuel Caldwell	Benjamin Hadley
Joshua Peirce	Robert Glover	Enos Hadley
Isaac Barret	Eliphalet Hadley	John ———

[5-173] [*Thomas Caldwell's Petition, 1783.*]

To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives in General assembly Convened—

The Petition of Thomas Caldwell of Nottingham-west Humbly Shews

That about three years ago your Petitioner requested the Select[n] of said Town to lay him out a public Road from his dwelling house Northerly to the Country Road crossing Jon[a] Searles's land and all the objection they then had was the Towns being Obliged in Such case to pay for the land—your Petetioner than applyed to the Court of Sessions for the County of Hillsborrough praying for an Order to Lay out such a Road and in pursuance thereof a Committee was appointed who with great Circumspection view'd the premises, when all parties were present, and then lay'd out the road requested and it was afterwards established by the S[d] Court—and Searles's Damages awarded him—and the road ordered to be Opened as mentioned in the Said report—

That the Select[n] of Said Town have lay'd out a road quite aCross your Petetioners Farm and to make all things easy he has offered to Abate the Town the Sum awarded him as damages Provided the other road Could be opened and the said Searles paid his damages (which is not a larger sum than Ordered your Petetioner) but Still the same is not don neither is there any appearance of it—and now it Seems Som restless people are about applying to this assembly to have this report reversed, or altered in a manner very prejudicial to your Petetioner and to deprive him from his main road to Meeting Mill Market &c—the other Road not being of the least Advantage to him for any of the aforesaid purposes, and was lay'd there purely to Serve a few individuals and not for any general purpose—and now your Petetioner is inform'd that some persons in Nottingham are about Presenting a Petetion as herein before hinted at —& that your Honers may have Som Just notion of the matter this representation is humbly presented and your Petetioner is encouraged to hope that Such light will be thrown on the Matter as to prevent a Formal hearing of any Such Petetion and to have the Same rejected, as a thing already Settled by a Court Proper for Such matters whoes determination ought to be final & so rest unless *Great*, and *Manifest*, injury is done

This matter of Petetioning your honors has been agitated in public Town meeting when the inhabitants were prety Generally assembled, and the Vote against Petetioning was very unanimious and now is Prosecuted only by a few Designing men and for no good Purpose as may be Shewn in the Sequel—

Your Petitioner Therefore most heartily relying on the Prudence Justice and Wisdom of this Honerable Body of men and that they will prefer Public good to Private Pique and rather discourage Such Applications as Can Only Tend to impede and Obstruct the Ordinary State Business And Tend to promote Such Petetions in numberless Instances, he therefore humbly hopes the Said Order Respecting the Laying out the Said Road made and Establish[d] by the Court of Sessions for the County of Hillsborrough may not be Altered But any Petition for the Same may be dismis'd—and Your Petetioner as in duty bound Shall Ever pray &c—

We the Subscribers being in habitants of Said Nottingham-west have perused the foregoing Petition and think it Contains a very fair representation of the matter wherefore we do hereby Signify our desire that the road lay'd out by the Said Committee may be opened and repared as ordered in the Said report

Alexander Caldwell	John Pettingill	Samuel ———
Samuel Caldwell	Nath[el] merrill Juner	George ———
henry hucy	Thomas Pollard	Samuel ———
Will[m] Burns	Benjm Marshal	James Caldwell
Andrew Sceavey	Henray Marshel	James Wason
Isaac Merrill	Friend moody	Nathaniel Seavy

[5-161] [*Deposition relative to foregoing, 1783.*]

Abraham Page of Lawfull age Testifieth and Saith that he is knowing to a Town Road being laid out and Iproved as a Road in Nottingham West which Road went a cross a part of the Westerly End of Flukers Lot So called which Lot Thomas Caldwell now Resides on and your Deponant further Saith that he looks upon the Road that the Courts Com[tee] lately laid out through Jonathan Searles[s] Land will be a great Damage to S[d] Searles, he and his famaly being in Low circumstances and very unable to fence S[d] Road

Nottingham West — Abraham Page
November 3th Day 1783

[5-160] [*Depositions of Cummings, Cross, and Hale, 1783.*]

Ebenezer Cuming Peter Cross and John Hale all of Lawfull age Testify and Say that they are well acquainted with a Road that the Courts Committee has lately laid out through Jonathan

Searles' Land to Thomas Caldwells, that Said Road goes on Said Searles' land upward' of one Hundred and Twenty rods upwards of Eighty of which is unfenced, and your Deponants look upon S^d Road if kept as an open Road to be of great Damage to Said Searles, as he and his famaly is in Low Circumstances and unable to fence s^d Road as also it will Expose a great quantity of his apples of being lost by reason of falling into S^d Road, and that their is an open Road Laid out across the Lot that said Caldwell Lives upon that is the Easterly End of said Lot

Nottingham west
November 3th Day 1783

Ebenezer Cmigs
Peter Cross
John Hale

State of New Hampshier Hillsborough ss

nottingham west November 3th Day 1783

then the above & hear named Dec. Ebenezer Cumings & Left Peter Cross & John Hale & Capt Abraham Page all personally appeard and after Due Caution and Careful axamination made Solemn oath to the truth of the above Deposition by them Respectivly Signed and that is all they knew of the matter they relate to which tistimonys were taken to be used at the General Court now Seting at Concord taken at the request of Jonathan Searles the Petitioner the adverse partie nameley Thomos Caldwell was present at Time of Caption Sworn out of Court

Before me Asa Davis Justice of peace

[5-159] [*Statement relative to Building the Road, 1783.*]

Where as we the Subscribers are well acquanted with the Dispute that hath for a long time subsisted betwixt Jonathan Searls and thomas Caldwell Both of Nottingham West respecting a Road from said Caldwell' by said Searls' House into the country Road leading from Henry Hucy' to Alexander Caldw^l We think it highly reasonable on account of Both Caldwell' and Searles' Benefit and the Neighbours in general that s^d road shold be opned and whereas the said Searls seems to be unwilling on account of the cost in building the fence on which account we have no desire said Searls should be burdened in Testamony whereof we promise that on condition the above said road should be opened in Order to help said Searls to make said fence each one of us for ourSelves will work or Cause to be wrought at said fence the Time afixed to Each of our Names

Nottingham west October 30th 1783

	Mens Work	Ox Work
Moses Hadley —	two days	
Nathan Winn	Self one day	
George Burns	three days work	
Isaac Hard	two days work	
James wason	Two days work	
James Wason	1 day	
Jame Caldwell	1 D	
Samuel Wason	two Days	
Thomas Wason	Two Days	
Johnsmith	Three days	
Joseph ———	two days	
Hanry Hardy	Two days	
Bar^{e} Gibson	3 day^{s} —	2 day^{s}
Thomas Caldwell	4 Days	3 Days
Nathaniel Sceavy	3 Days	

[5-158] [*More relative to said Road.*]

To the Honble the council and house of Representatives for ye state of Newhampshire in general assembly convened at Concord the First thursday of November Annoque Domini 1783—

The Petition of Nathaniel Sceavy of Nottingham West in the county of Hillsborrough and state aforesaid Blacksmith

Most Humbly sheweth, that whereas Jonathan Searls of Nottingham aforsaid did in the month of June 1783, prefere a petition to the Honble council and assembly of the state aforsaid praying that the report of a committee of the Honble the Court of General Session of the peace for the county aforsaid Respecting a road laid out by said committee of two rods wide from Thomas Caldwell^{s} House as the road was then trod by s^{d} Searls^{s} House into the country road—and the order of the aforsaid court thereon, might be Nullified and said road be made subject to gates and bars—which will be Verry Injurious to your petitioner and many others.—Your petitioner have Built a House and settled on a piece of Newland about seventy Rods south of said Caldwell and is determined to work at the Blacksmith^{s} Trade and have not the lest prospect of the priviledge of a road as a Town Inhabitant any other way only by the aforsaid Road therefore your petitioner Most humbly prays your Honours will Establish the aforsaid committee^{s} report and order of the hon^{ble} court of session thereon or grant your petitioner such other helps as to your Honours in your Wisdom shall seem just and Equal and your petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray

November 3^{d} 1783

Nathaniel Sceavy

[R. 2-116] [*Petition of Sarah Bradbury, 1780: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

The petition of Sarah Bradbury of nottinghamwest In said state widow Humbly shueth that your petitioner's Husband entered Into the Contanantal army about three years ago and that he Died on His Return from a. march to the Indean Cuntry with general Sullivan Last fall. that your petitioners s^d husband has had the Caracter of Doing the Duty of a faithful good soldier both In the most of the Last french war and the present war with great Bretton In the Capasity of a Sargent. * * *

Nottinghamwest february 10th 1780—

Sarah Bradbery

[She further stated that she was left with a family of small children, and asked for assistance.—ED.]

[R. 2-118] [*Petition of Richard Cutter, Soldier, 1784.*]

The Petition of Richard Cutter of Nottingham-West Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioner was a soldier in Capt Samuel Darbin Company of Colo Stephen Peabody^s Regiment in the year 1778, from the tenth Day of June to the first Day of January, which is six months and twenty Days—That your Petitioner for all that service, received only one months pay, from the hands of the Muster Master Colo Noah Lovewell—That your Petitioner has very frequently requested his wages of Capt Darbin (who had the money from the state to pay the Soldiers) but never could obtain a farthing, nor ever expects to. Therefore beg your Honors to make him a compensation for the afores^d Services:

Richd Cutter

Nottingham-West March 18th 1784

[5-157] [*Asa Davis recommended for a Magistrate, 1785.*]

State of New Hampshire Hillsborough

To his Excelency the President of Said State, and honorable Council Convened the humble petition of us the Subscribers of Nottingham-West in S^d County, Sheweth that whereas by our new Constitution we under Stand that all Commissions both Civel & military are now Vacated, and that a new arrangement is to take place we your petitionrs in be half of S^d Town Humbly pray that your Excelency, and hon^rs, in role Asa Davies

Esqr to Continue as Justice of the peace for S^{d} County and Town as he has given general Setisfection in S^{d} office, and as in duty bound Shall pray,

Dated Notingham west Jan^{ry} ye 26 y^{r} 1785

Robert Stuart
Samual burbank
Henry Chase
Joseph Winn
Jonathan Hardy
Joseph Wilson
John Merrel
Isaac Coburn
bengamen marshel
Zaccheus Colburn
Samuel Pollard
Thomas Pollard
James Pollard
Thaddeus Wilson
Henry Farwel Marshall
Abigail Winn Wd
Joseph Winn
John Chase
Joseph B Wilson
Jonathn Gould
Joseph Gould
Andrew Sceavy
James Sceavy
Isaac Chase
Thomas Whittaker
Abner Watkins
Capt David Cumming
James Wason
Thomas Wason
James Caldwell
Joseph Caldwell
Samuel Wason
Nath^{el} Sceavy
Eliphlet hadley
Enos hadley
Abraham Page
Benjamin hadley
Nathaniel Haseltine
Henery Hale iu
Page Smith
Wid Sary binney
Henry Morrill
John Hale
Robert petane
Jonathan Bradley
Alexander Caldwell
Henrey hucy
Samuel Caldwell
Robert Glover
Jonathen Sarles
Elelhen Sarles
Samuel Smith
Samuel Smith Junir
Hugh Smith
John Smith Juner
John Smith
Samuel Smith the 3
thomas Smith
Sith Wyman
friend moody
Joshua frensh
Saml french
Peter Youngman
John Butler
John butler Jun
Jams farmer
Ebneser Poolerd
Jeremiah Blodget
Asahel Blodget
Benaiah Blodge
Joseph Blodget
Joseph Blodget J^{n}
Phinihes Wheeler Blodget
Jonathan tenney
Jonathen blodgat
James Pemberton
William atwood
joseph Bradly
Eliphalet Hadley
Stephen Hadley
Jacobet Esmons

[5-156] [*Petition for an Incorporation of a Library, 1797.*]

To the Honorable the Senate and house of Representatives in General Court Convened at Portsmouth November 1797

Humbly Sheweth that the under Signed Inhabitants of Nottingham west with their associates, have been at Considerable Expence in purchasing Books in order to astablish a Library in Said Nottingham—but finding themselves under Some Disadvantages for the want of an incorporation pray your Honours that they with Such others as may hereafter Join them, may be incorporated into a body Politic for the purpose aforesaid, and

Such Rules and Regulations as your Honours think proper—and as your petitioners in Duty Bound will Ever pray—

Sam^el Marsh
Joseph Winn
Phinehas Underwood
Eleazer Cummings
John Pollard
Joseph Greeley

Nottingh^m West November 20th 1797

[An act was passed December 9, 1797, incorporating the library by the name of "Nottingham West Social Library." —Ed.]

JACKSON.

This town was incorporated December 4, 1800, by the name of Adams. It included Fowle's Location; the grant to Lt. Samuel Gilman, of Newmarket, of 2,000 acres, made March 1, 1770; the grant of 3,000 acres made to Capt. Richard Gridley, February 5, 1773; the grant to Capt. Robert Rogers, of Portsmouth, of 3,000 acres, made July 4, 1764; the grant of 8,740 acres, made March 4, 1774, to Mark Hunking Wentworth, Daniel Rogers, and Jacob Treadwell, of Portsmouth; and 13,893¾ acres of land belonging to the state. Jonathan and Clement Meserve petitioned for the incorporation in 1796, and again in 1797. The grants to Gilman, Gridley, and Rogers were made for service in the French war, by virtue of a proclamation of the king, of October 7, 1763.

Capt. Gridley was in command of a regiment under Gen. Amherst at Crown Point in 1756; was at Louisbourg in 1758, and "went from thence with the Fleet, and acted at the Seige of, and Reduction of Quebec in 1759, with the forces under General Wolfe."

June 14, 1806, 300 acres of state land in Adams was granted the town for school purposes.

June 22, 1819, the farm of "William Stephens" was severed from Adams, and annexed to Bartlett.

July 3, 1822, the farm of Nathaniel Carlton was severed from Bartlett, and annexed to Adams.

July 3, 1839, the farms of Nathaniel Tufts and Stephen Carleton, 2d, were severed from Bartlett, and annexed to this town.

The name of the town was changed to Jackson, July 4, 1829, in honor of Andrew Jackson, then president of the United States. It received its first name when John Adams was president.

[5-174] [*Petition for an Incorporation, 1796.*]

To the Honourable the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened at Exeter on Wednesday the first day of June 1796

The petition of Jonathan Meserve and Clement Meserve humbly Sheweth your petitioners having moved with themselves & Families on Gridley's Location in the County of Grafton and the most northerly part of the State of New Hampshire and the most Mountanious part of the State, and perhaps the most mountanious part of North America, but by the Industry & exertions of your petitioners & Families has been a means of bringing a number of good Settlers on the other Locations adjoining viz Wentworth's Roger's, Gilmans, and Martins Locations, and Land sold by the Commitee for makeing & reparing Roads from Conway to Cohas,—but Still your petitioners & other Settlers is put to many difficulties in that Mountanious Country for want of haveing good Roads & in no regular order to do anything in respecte to Roads Schools &c but what every Man thinks proper to do by his own free will, All which is a very great Greviance and Discouragement to the Settlement of the Northerly part of the State therefore your petitioners pray a Township may be laid out joining Southerly on Bartlett Easterly on Chatham, Northerly on Shelburne Addition and Westerly on the White Hills, Including the Locations before mentioned, According to a plan herewith exhibited & incorporated with all the privileges that other Towns in the State have & enjoy and your petitioners pray that all the unlocated Land contained in said plan may be granted to your petitioners and associates on such terms & Conditions as you in your wisdom shall think proper and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever Pray.—

June y° 25 1796 Jonathan Meserve
Clement Meserve

[The plan is No. 175 in manuscript volume. It is well executed, showing points of compass and distances, bounds of the locations, etc.—Ed.]

[5-176] [*Another Petition relative to Incorporation, 1797.*]

To the Honorable Senate and house of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Corte convened at Concord on the first wednesday in June 1797—

Respectfully Sheweth Jonathan Meserve and Clement Meserve now living on Gridley's Location in the County of Grafton and State aforeSaid in behalf of themselves and those of your Citersons living upon the Tracts of land hereafter Discribed and for those who may hereafter reside thereon. That the present Inhabitants labor under many and Singular Disadvantages by reason of not being in a situation to trancat public buseness, and also that the granted lands within Said limits is not Sufficiant to make a Town. That their are some ungranted lands within Said limits but mostly mountains which cannot be of no real service to this State but if granted might be Som to the Settlers Wherefore they pray your Honors to Incorporate all the Lands with the Inhabitants thereon within the lines and boundarys herein after Set forth into a Town by the name of ——— and grante to them your petinors and their Heirs and Assigns forever all the ungranted lands within Said lines and boundarys under such restrictions as may appear proper Beginning at the Sothwesterly corner of fowlses Location thence running westerly by Bartlet to Bartlet norwesterly corner bounds thence northley to the Southwesterly corner of Rogers and Wentworths Location then running nothley to Shilburn addition leaving the white hills to the west so to include Martins Location and others then by Shilburn addition to the Province of main thence by Said province of Main to Chatham north westerly corner thense by Chatham to the first mention bounds. These petitioners further pray your Honors that if to you it Shall Seem proper that a hearing on this petition may be granted at your next Session and that in the mean time Sum Sutable measures may be pursued as will furnish you with the evidence whairby to enable you to Judge and Determine respecting the propertity of granting the prayer of your Petitioners and they as in Duty bound will ever pray—

Jonathan Meserve
Clement Meserve

[5-177] [*Another, relative to Incorporating a Town, 1799.*]

To the Honourable Senate & House of Representatives in General Court convened—

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Fowls Gilman's Gridley's

Rogers' Wentworth's and Treadwell's Locations in the County of Grafton and State of Newhampshire Humbly shews—

That your Petitioners are greatly incommoded by reason of their unincorporated situation—That they forego many & singular advantages which Towns corporate enjoy, and labour under embarrassments from which, in a corporate capacity, they would be exempt—That they, by legal process, are unable to make and repair necessary roads & highways and to raise money for the support of schools and the Ministry in the aforesaid Locations—That the Grievances abovementioned can only be redressed by an act of Incorporation—That the aforesaid Locations are capable of forming a convenient Town—Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that said Locations may be formed & incorporated into a Township to be known and called by the name of ——— and as in duty bound shall ever Pray—

May 16th AD 1799—

Petitioner's Names—

Clement Meserve	Samuel Gray Junier	Joseph Pinkham
John Young	Timothy Perkins	George Pinkham
John Parkins	Samuel Gray	Benjamin Copp
Isaac Meserve	Daniel Nute	Benjamin Copp Junyer
Samuel Jenkins	Jonathan Meserve	William Copp
Jonathan Meserve Jun	John Meserve	James Trickey
Henry Sawyer	John Nute	Ephraim Trickey
Natthanniel Davis	Ralph hall	Daniel Pinkham
Isaac Darburn	Daniel Meserve	Rufus Pinkham
James Canney	Benjamin Pitman	Samuel Rogars
Silas Meserve	Joseph Pitman	
Ephraim Meserve	Joseph D Pinkham	
Andrew Chesley	Nathaniel Chesley	

[They were successful this time. The town was incorporated by an act approved Dec. 4. 1800, and named in honor of President John Adams.—Ed.]

JAFFREY.

The township was granted November 30, 1749, by the Masonian Proprietors, to Jonathan Hubbard and thirty-nine others, residents of Hollis, Dunstable, and Lunenburg, and was known by the names of Monadnock No. 2, Middle Monadnock, and Middletown, until it was incorporated by the

governor and council August 17, 1773, and named in honor of Hon. George Jaffrey, a member of the council. The first meeting of the proprietors was held in the house of Joseph French, of Dunstable, January 16, 1750. Settlements were made by Moses Stickney and others in 1752, but were abandoned. In 1758 permanent settlements were made by John Grout and others. Wolves had dens on the Monadnock mountain, and occasionally one was killed. In 1793 Benjamin Dole killed four and Benjamin Spaulding one, and each received a bounty therefor.

The township granted was a parallelogram, nearly rectangular, five miles by seven, and so remains to this day.

Lieut. John Harper, Jacob Pierce, Benjamin Dole, John Dole, and Dudley Griffin were in the battle of Bunker Hill.

Ebenezer Hathorne was a veteran of the French war, and was taken prisoner by the Indians at the surrender of Fort William Henry. He manufactured steelyards as early as 1775, and one of his make is now in use in the family of the editor of this volume, who is, maternally, a lineal descendant of said Hathorne.

[5-178] [*Bounds of the Township, as granted November 30, 1749.*]

The Bownds of ye Township of middle monadnock N^o^ Two In ye County of Cheshire and province of New Hampshire as By ye originall Charter Signed By Joseph Blanchard Esqr of Said Township appears is as follows (viz)—

Begining at ye Southwest Corner of peterborough Slip So called from thence Runing North Eighty degrees west Seven miles to a Hemlock Tree marked from thence Runing North by ye Needle five miles to a Hemlock Tree marked from thence Runing South Eighty degrees East Seven miles to a Beach Tree marked in ye west Line of peterborough from thence South by ye Needle to ye first Bounds mentioned—

a True Copy Examined—

per Matthew Wallace Pro^s^ Clerk—

[5-180] [*Petition for an Incorporation of the Town, 1773.*]

Province of New Hamp^s^

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over his Majestys Province of New Hampshire, and Vice Admiral of the Same in Council:—

The Petition of Enoch Hale of Rindge, in the County of Cheshire in the Province aforesaid Esqr in behalf of the Inbitants of a Township commonly known by the Name of Monadnock N° 2 or middle Monadnock, unto Your Excellency & Honours humbly Shews—

That the Said Township is now setled with more than forty Families. And many more that have begun Settlements that they will shortly remove on, That they are destitute of the legal Privileges & Franchises of Corporate Towns, whereby they suffer many Inconveniences for Want of Town Officers, and especially at this Time, when they are taxed for the Support of the Government, but cannot legally assess or collect the same, and are also unable to warn out any Poor, idle Vagrants, That too frequently force themselves into New Towns, to the manifest Injury of such Towns in particular, & the Province in General

Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays (in behalf of his Constituents, the Inhabitants aforesaid) That Y^{r} Excell^{y} & Honours would be pleased to condescend, to indulge them with the Corporate Priviledges of other Towns in this Province, for the Purposes aforesaid, and That they may have a Charter thereof, by such a New Name as your Excellency may think proper to give unto said Township, and as in Duty bound, Yr Petitioner & his Constituents shall ever pray—

Portsm^{o} Augth 16th 1773. Enoch Hale

[In answer to the foregoing, the town was incorporated August 17, 1773. Col. Hale was employed by the town as agent in the matter.—Ed.]

[5-181] [*Case of Assault before Courts were established in the County, 1775.*]

To the Honourable Provential Congress Gentelmen

Whereas Mr Benjemin Nutting of Petterborough Slip So Called has Entred a Complaint to us the Sub^{m} (the Committee of Corrispondance for the town of Jaffrey in the County of Chesher and province of New hampshire) Against Mr John Davis Junr of Jaffrey in the County and province Aforesaid, that upon the Second day of October instant as he came to the house of John Eaton in this town upon Some Bussiness he was assulted By the Above said Davis and Abused in the Most Solem maner as appears By Sundry Evidences Produced by S^{d} Nutting and Notwithstanding S^{d} Davis was Notified to Attend to hear the Evidence Examind he Refused to attend and he has often Been Requested to Settle the matter But he Remains Obstinate and persists in his Villany with insolence we have Care-

fully Examind the Evidences and have herein inclosed their Depotions we Earnestly Desire you to take this Matter into your Consideration and Either Determin the Matter Between them, or invest this Committee with a proper Authority to Act thereon also we Desire Some instructions how to proceed in Said Case, Gentelmen your Complyance will Greatly Oblidge your humble Servants

Dated at Jaffrey october ye 27th 1775.

Jesher Bailey
Willm Turner } Comittee of Corrispondance
Roger Gilmore

N. B this Davis Mentioned by the Evidences in their Depotetions is the Same John Davis Junr Mentioned Above

[*Evidence relative to foregoing.*]

Mr Eatons Evidence on the 2^d day of october 1775

I heard Mr Nutting and m^r Davis Disputing Concerning Some Accompts Between them & Mr Davis would have Nutting offsett Some part of their accompt and he would not for some Reasons which he then Mentioned and S^d he would Die first Davis S^d then he Should Die then he Seized him By the Collar and Struck him on the head twice and then Struck him on his Shoulders three or four times and threatened him that he would Strip his Skin off his Back and Break his Bones and knock his teeth Down his throat and make him keep his Bed three weeks, and then pulled him Down the hill toward the River and Said he would throw him in the River But he did not and Struck him again twice on the Road and then he Let him Come up again to the house and then took him By the Shoulders and Struck him twice again, & I heard him Say he had then taken the Intrest and it Should Not Be Long Before he would have the principal, and During the Whole Affair I did not hear Mr Nutting threaten nor abuse Mr Davice Neither with bad Langage nor otherwise

John Eaton

Jaffrey october ye 27th 1775

on the Second Day of october 1775. I Came to Mr John Eatons and I See John Davis Junr take Mr Benjn Nutting By the Collar and Shak him and Strike him twice and threatened he would pull him Down and throw him in the pond Mr Nutting Received all this Abuse with patiance and did not abuse m^r Davis with Bad Langage nor otherwise

Nehemiah Porter

Jaffrey october ye 27th 1775

Some time Since the Quarrel Between Mr Nutting and m^r Davise these two Gentelmen above mentioned Meet accedentialy at my house m^r Daniel Davise Being also at my house we Motioned to them to have them accomadat their Difficulty Mr Davise answered he wase in a passion But he Did not Care a Divels tord about it and he Swore he had taken the Intrest and he intended to have the principal soon

James Haywood

Jaffrey october ye 27th 1775

upon monday the 23^d Day of october instant Mr Davise Came to my house I asked what induced him to Quarrel with Mr Nutting he Said that their was No other way to Get his Dues and all he was Sorry for was that he had No Given him as much Again and that there was no other way to get his Debts and that was as good a way as any he also told me of one man that killed another at Nottingham Latley and Said their was no Law if one man did kill another, he Said the Congress had put the Above mentioned man in Goal But Could not do nothing with him and was oblidged to Let him go

Jaffrey october ye 27th 1775.

John Stanley

[R. 2-119] [*Petition of Daniel Russell, Soldier, 1777.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives of said State—

The Petition of Daniel Russell Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner Engaged in the service of his Country in the beginning of the year 1777 and was wounded through his body the 19 of september following while fighting with the enemy near Stillwater which wound Disabled him from fighting From thence he was carried to Albony Hospitual where he Received A Furlough as soon as he was able to Return Home, and immediately put himself under the care of the best Surgeon, or Surgeons he could Find, and was unable to Return to his Regiment or any other corps, till October 1778 then went to Boston and was found unfit for any Duty and Received a furlough of the Hon. Genl: Gates and Returned Home and was under a Necessity to put himself under the care of a surgeon and when his Furlough was Expired then Returned to Boston and was found unfit for any Duty and again furloughed and so from time to time untill the three year he engaged for was Expired Then the Honourable Court Put him under half pay as he was unable to earn his support—The wound your Petioner received was

open from his side to his Back Almost five years by reason of his Ribs being Fractured. * * *

Daniel Russell

Jaffrey June 3d 1783.

[He further stated that his pension was paid him in notes that were of little value, and asked for some relief. In a petition dated March 4, 1779, the said Russell stated that he was in Capt. Blodgett's Co. of Col. Hale's Reg't; that he was furloughed at Albany October 20, 1777, and was eleven days getting home, after which he was under the care of Dr. John Young of Peterborough, and Dr. Jonas Prescott; was examined in Boston by "Dr. John Warren, Surgeon General." After that he was under the care of "Doct adonijah How of Jaffrey." March 5, 1779, Roger Gilmore and Abrm. Bailey, selectmen, and Dr. How certified to his condition as stated in his petetion.—ED.]

[R. 2-122] [*Petition of Ephraim Adams, Soldier, 1779.*]

[In a petition dated Jaffrey, June 10, 1779, Ephraim Adams stated that he enlisted in the R. I. expedition in August, 1778; took his horse with him, and said horse was taken from him by order of Gen. Whipple for the use of the army. He asked to be paid £130, which was the sum appraised by Roger Gilmore, Hugh Dunlop, and William Turner, selectmen of Jaffrey. This petition was not granted, but one presented in 1786 was, to the extent of £15.—ED.]

[R. 2-126] [*Soldiers' Orders.*]

To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire

Sr Please to Pay to the Barrer Willm Smiley all the Wagers that is Due to me for my services in the year 1781 Per me

Benjamin Dole

Jaffrey Feb. 7

New Hampshire } these may Certify that Benjamin Dole of
Cheshire ss } Jaffrey in the County of Cheshire is Soule heir to John Dole Late of Jaffrey Deceased who Dyed at Albany march the 15 day 1782

Joseph Thorndike Justice Peace

Jaffrey Octo ye 14th 1784

Jaffrey Feb. 7th 1785

To the Honourable John Taylor Gilman Esqr Treasurer for the State of New Hampshire Sir Be pleased to pay the bearer my whole wages which is due for three months service in the Armey in the year Eighty one in Capt Philip Thomas Company and this shall be your discharge

£4, 14, 4. Asaph Brigham

[R. 2-127] [*Petition of Lucy Wesson, 1782.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Honourable the Councill and House of Representatives of said state—

The Petition of the Widow Lucy Wesson Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioners Husband Isaac Wesson inlisted into the years service 1778 and was born upon the musterroll till the First of April 1779 and has not returned nor been hear of sence but by the best information is Dead, your Petitioner is left with a Family of small Children and stands in need of her Husbands wages (what there is due) and cannot find out as there is any way for her to come at them She prays therefore that your Honours would take her case under your wise Consideration and Grant her such Releaf as you in your wisdom shall think Fit and she as in duty bound shall Ever pray.

Jaffrey Sept. 12 1782

Lucy Wesson

This may Certifie all hoom it may con carn that Lucy Wesson was the wife of Isaac Wasson when he Entered the Contenantal Sarvis

per us John Gilmore, Benja Prescott, James Stevens } Selitemen

[Nov. 16, 1782, she was allowed four months' pay and depreciation.—Ed.]

[R. 2-128] [*James Turner, Soldier.*]

[In a petition dated Feb. 14, 1785, James Turner, of Jaffrey, stated "that he served as a soldier in Capt Wm Scotts Comny & Colo Henry Jacksons Regt in the Continantal Army, three years." He further stated that he had not received his allowance for depreciation: he asked to have it allowed, which request was granted.—Ed.]

[R. 2-129] [*Petition of Benjamin Dole, 1785.*]

To the Honourable the Senate & House of Representatives Convened at Portsmouth on the first wednesday of June 1785—

The petition of Benj^a Dole of Jaffrey humbly sheweth that his Brother John Dole who by will made your Petitioner his heir did serve in the army the first eight months & being in the Service constantly to his death had no opportunity to receive his pay from the paymaster untill it died in the depreciation of Continental money. This humbly prayeth your Honours in your wisdom to interpose for your petitioner that he may not be injured by his constancy in Public Service & your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Jeffray May 1785

Benjamin Dole

Exeter June 6th 1785.

This may certify, that the wages due to John Dole was £5, 8, 8, no application was ever made to me for his wages, untill paper was taken out of circulation

attest Saml Hobart P M

[John Dole was in Capt. Thomas's company, Col. James Reed's regiment, at Winter Hill in 1775. The petition was granted.—Ed.]

[5-183] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

A return of the Number of male polls of Jaffrey Twenty one years of age & upwards paying a poll tax for themselves in said town Viz one hundred & ninety polls

Jaffrey December 13th 1783

Jedidiah Sawyer
John Briant
Jereme Underwood
} Selectmen of Jaffrey

To the General Assembly of the State of New Hamshire—

Cheshire ss Jeffrey Decr 10th 1783

Then the Above Named John Briant & Jereme Underwood personlly Appeared & made oath that they head in Makeing out the Above Return Acted faithfully & Impartailey—

Before me Joseph Thorndike Just Peace.

[5-182] [*Relative to Kendall Parsons, Soldier.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives of said State—

The Petition of John Gilmore Humbly Sheweth that you Petitioner did in the year 1779 hire Kindal Parson to Serve in the armey one year and while the said Parson was absent your Petitioner' Did Supply the s^d^ Parsons Family with Necessaries of life and when the s^d^ Parsons returned home finding his Family in poor Circumstancies and could get no releaf without a bondsman your Petitioner was bound for the said parson and was obliged to pay the obligation, and could get no Satisfaction Except an order upon his wages he had Coming from the State and as the said Parson is now in the Army your Petitioner Prays that your Honours would take his Case under your wise Consideration and grant the said Parson's Wages according to his order if it can be consistant and he as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Jaffrey June 7 1783.

John Gilmore

[5-184] [*Petition for Authority to raise a Company of Cavalry, 1786.*]

May it please your Excellency

We the Subscribers inhabitants of the Town of Jaffrey Beg Leave to inform you that the inhabitants of the towns of Jaffrey Rindge Fitzwilliam and Marlborough in the County of Cheshire do Conceive it highly Necessary for the better Regulation of the Militia in these towns and the defence of this State that one Company of Light horse be inlisted and formed out of the Militia in the above mentioned towns and as the first Officer for said Company (viz) the Capt is the Naturel Right of the town of Jaffrey and we understand that the abovesaid towns have Consented thereunto We would therefore for that purpose Nominate and Recomend our trusty friend and well disposed Citizen Namely Peter Jones as a person well Qualified for that important trust and Whereas we whose Names are Under written are determined to Join said Company if our wishes take place we would intreat your favour to Appoint and Commission the above Named person as Capt of said Company as soon as may be if your Excellency shall think proper, We in the Mean time Relying on your friendly disposition toward the Enlargement and defence of this state and being Senceble of

the Honourable Seat and Caracter you Sustain we willingly Submitt our above-mentioned Requsition to your Wisdom to Conduct as your Excellency shall think proper and we the Subscribers as in duty bound shall Ever pray

Jaffrey Decr ye 21st 1786

Joseph Crosby	David Gilmore	James Davison
William Emery	Moses Cutter	Robert Harkness
Josiah french	Jonas Adams	Samuel Foster
Peter Bullard	James Turner	Alpheus Crosby

His Excellency John Sullivan Esqr General President and Commander in Chief of the State of New-hampshire

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[5-185] [*Relative to Peterborough Slip, 1787.*]

Jaffrey June th2 1787

This may certify that at a Legal meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Jaffrey (qualified by Law to vote in town meetings) meet on may the 10—1787 for the Porpose of Seeing what the town would do in regrard of Peterborough Slip^{e} haveing a mile off the east Part of Jaffrey.—

Voted unaimous not to let Peterborough Slip have any part off the east part of S^{d} town. Voted to Chuse a committee of five men to Petision and Remonstrate the General Court of this State that the Prayr of the Petision of Peterborough Slip be not Granted Chose Mr Laban Ainsworth Esqr Roger Gilmore, Lieu^{t} Joseph Bates, Adonijah Howe Col^{n} Jed^{h} Sanger—

Voted that the Committee make a Draught and Lay the Same before the town at an adjournment of this meeting Voted to adjourn this meeting to Thursday th 24 of May instant at three O Clock afternoon May th 24 1787 the inhabitants of S^{d} Jaffrey being meet acording to adjornment the Remonstrance Draughted by the affore Said Committee being read Voted to except the same. Voted that the remonstrance be Presented to the General Court of this State

A true Coppy Attest

Adonijah Howe Town Clark of Jaffrey

[5-186] [*Protest against Setting Off a Portion of the Town, 1787.*]

State of New Hampshire Cheshire ss

To the Honorable the Senate and house of Representatives, Conveened at Concord, in S^{d} State, on the first Wednsday in June

We the Subscribers, being a Comittee in Behalf of the town of Jaffrey, beg Leave to present this our Address and Remonstrance to this Hon^le^ Assembley, against a petetion that has been perferred to the General Court at their Last Session, by Com^ee^ of the inhabitants of Sliptown, So Called, praying that a Strip one mile wide may be taken off the Southeasterly part of this our town of Jaffrey, and that the Same be Annexed to the west end of Said Sliptown, Which Measure, if Admitted, will Exceedingly injure, and destroy our publick priviledges and Enfranchisments, which were granted and Confirmed by our Charter to the inhabitants of Jaffrey and their Successors for ever, and leave us in a State of Anarchy and Confussion, and tend greatly to Create debates, divisions and anomosities among the now peacefull inhabitants of this town, and as the altering of Charters, and adding and Lessening of the Territory and Jurisdiction of States and districts by the Brittish Ministry, in the Late Revolution, were Some of the great Evils we Complained of, as being Contrary to the true Spirit and design of the English Constitution; and in order to prevent these and other unjust acts of the Brittish Parliament taking place in these States, we Spent our Blood and Treasure, and obtained a Compleat and Glorious Victory over all Opposition, So as we Conceive this Greavance we hereby Remonstrate against, is in Some measure Simaler, we do Apprehend that no authority men, or Body of men, on any pertence whatever, have any Right by Law, or by the Constitution, to alter, or deminish our Terretory or Jurisdiction, or deprive us of any of the priviledges and immunities granted, or Stipulated to us, by our Charter, without our Consent. Neither do we imagine, that any person, or people, have any Right to Require, or demand any of our Sacred or Civil Rights, that are granted and Conveyed to us, by our Charter and Seek to Agrandize, and build themselves up upon the Ruins of any of our invaluable Rights and priviledges, and in order the more fully, and Effectualy to Represent to your hon^r^ the great Evil, and distructive tendancy, which the above mentioned Greivance, if Carried into Execution, will produce in this town, we will hereby, Lay before your hon^rs^, a detail of Some of the Evils, and disadvantages that will Naturely attend this measure if admitted, in the first place, we have Raised, and finished on an Eminence a Large, and Statly meetting house, 60 by 45 feet, and near 30 feet post, Verry near the Centre of our town, we have Laid out ten acres of a Common, on which the Meetting house Stands, and have Cleared the Same, and Spent thereon a great deal of Labor, we have laid out on Said Common a Large Burreing Yard, and fenced the Same with great Stone wall, and there is a great Number interred there, we have Settled a Minister, and given him a large

farm adjoining Said Common, and he has built him a Large house and Barn Verry Near the meetting house, and their is on the East Side line of Said Common a Row of Large and Elegant Buildings, which together with the Meetting house makes a Beautiful appearance, and the Roads in Said Jaffrey are laid out, and opened, Leading to the meeting house So as to Conveen the whole town, and the town is divided into School districts, and Some of these districts have built their School houses, and as the town is now Scituated, the Most Remote inhabitants are Content, and the whole town is Compleatly United, and Chearfuly Contributes for the Support of its publick priviledges, but Should this unhappy Measure take place the western part of the inhabitants of this town will make application for the priviledges above mentioned to be moved to a New Center and the grounds westward from the meetting being Low and Swampy and Verry inconvenant for a New Center would Create an Ever lasting Quarrel and dispute amongst us and be attended with great Cost and trouble, Moreover their is a Verry great mountain in this town and a great Number of Large ponds which Renders about the fourth part thereof not habitable besides a great deal of other wast Land which makes the habitable part of this town but barely Sufficient to maintain our minister and Support our publick priviledges also the inhabitants that would be taken off, provided one mile is Set off to Sliptown is Unanimosly against being Set off as it would greatly discomode them in their publick priviledges and Cause them to be at the Expence of Begining all anew to Build a meetting house and Settle a Minister and then be a great distance from their Centre when at the Same time they have Contributed their porportion here for the Same priviledges and in order to Manifest their desire they have hereunto Set their names, furthermore as Sliptown does lay only against about the one half of the East part of this town their would be a Leg about one mile wide Left which if the meetting house Should be Removed would leave the inhabitants of this leg at a great disadvantage, also the County line is between this town and Sliptown and if one mile is Set off one part will be in this County and the other part in another County and as Sliptown is Now Nearly Six miles from East to west one mile taken from this town would make it almost Seven miles long and about two or three miles Broad we Cannot Conceive any advantage it would be to Sliptown to take one mile from the South East part of this town and add it to that

The above mentioned Reasons Contain a part of the evils and disadvantages that would attend Such a Seperation in the mean time we Refer the above matter to your Wise Consideration and flatter our Selves that your wisdom will interpose in our behalf

and deliver your Remonstrants from the Evils that threaten us and we as in duty bound Shall ever pray

Jaffrey may ye 24th 1787

Laban Ainsworth
Roger Gilmore
Joseph Bates
Adonijah Howe
Jed^h Sanger
} Committee

We the Sub^rs being inhabitants of that part of Jaffrey which is prayed for in the petition of Peterborroughslip do hereby give our Consent to the within Address and Remonstrance and have hereunto Set our Names

Benj^a Prescott
Nathan Cutter
William Pope
David Stratton
Moses Burdoo
Benj^a Nuting
oliver Gould
Oliver Prescott
James Cutter

JEFFERSON.

The township was granted October 3, 1765, to Col. John Goffe of Derryfield and others, in 64 equal shares, by the name of Dartmouth. As in case of most of the Wentworth grants, one share was reserved for a glebe for the Episcopal church; one share for the first settled minister; one share for the benefit of the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts;" and one share for the benefit of a school in said town.

The proprietors not making settlements agreeably to said grant, it was regranted June 26, 1772, with new boundaries, to Hon. Theodore Atkinson and other influential men in different parts of the state, among whom were Col. Joseph Hammond, Col. Josiah Willard, and others from Cheshire county. Col. Joseph Whipple and Samuel Hart, of Portsmouth, made settlements in the town soon after the regrant, but the population increased slowly, and there were but twenty-four families in town in 1793.

It was incorporated with town privileges December 8, 1796, and named in honor of Thomas Jefferson.

By an act of the legislature, approved December 7, 1842, some territory was severed frem Kilkenny, and annexed to this town.

[5-190] [*John Goffe relative to Township Bounds, 1770.*]

Province of New Hampsh^{r}

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captain General, Governor & Commander in Chief in and over his Majestys Province aforesaid in Council—

The Petition of John Goffe of Derryfield in said Province Esqr, in behalf of Himself and the other Proprietors of the township of *Dartmouth* unto y^{r} Excellency & the Honourable Council most humbly shews

That your Petitioners obtained a *Grant* of the said Township from Benning Wentworth Esqr late Governor of this Province in Behalf of his Majesty, with whom y^{r} Petitioners entred into certain Stipulations on their part to be done and performed in Settlement of said Township, which they humbly beg leave to assure y^{r} Excell^{y} & Honours that they should have fulfilled, but the Want of Roads, the scarcity of Grain, the distance of its Situation from Settlements, and in a more especial manner, the Difficulty they have been at to ascertain the Locality of said Township by Reason of the Bounds of Lancaster being very loose & uncertain through the Geography of the River of Connecticut not being at the time of their said Grant particularly known, as it has since by actual Survey been found, whereby it made a material alteration in ye bounds of s^{d} Lancaster, and consequently affected the Lines of Dartmouth, all which Difficulties have necessitated y^{r} Petitioners to supplicate y^{r} Excellency & Honours to extend your favours, by granting them a further time to fulfill their Charter, as they are determined to pursue it having got clear of chief of those embarrassments and been at great expence in compleating their necessary Roads which are especially and materially conducive to their Designs —Wherefore they humbly pray y^{r} Excell^{y} & Honours to grant the Prayer of this Petition for the Reasons sett forth, and as in Duty bound, y^{r} Petitioners will ever pray.—

Portsm^{o} Decr 12th 1770

John Goffe

[This extension was not granted, but the township was regranted to other parties, June 26, 1772.—Ed.]

[5-188] [*Order to survey a Tract of Land for David Page, 1773.*]

Province of New Hampshire—

To Mr Edwards Bucknam of Lancaster in said Province—

You are hereby required and directed to survey and admeasure and plainly and impartially to mark out for Mr David Page (who is to pay your Expence) a tract of Crown Land in said Province to contain one thousand acres & no more, and make return thereof into my office with all convenient speed for which this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Dated at Portsmo the 26th day of January 1773

Is: Rindge

[Isaac Rindge was surveyor-general of lands for the province. The following is Bucknam's return :—Ed.]

this Plan was Laid Down in the form that David Page Esqr Proposed to have it Laid out to him at ye South Easterly corner of Dartmouth as he had a warrant By order of Court from the Surveyor general for the survey of 1000 acres of Land where he should Please to Pitch it, in any ungranted Lands, which warrant was Directed to me

Edwd Bucknam Surveyor of Land

[The plan is a rude rectangular parallelogram, representing a tract 320 by 500 rods, bounded on the north by Dartmouth line.—Ed.]

[5-191] [*Petition for an Act of Incorporation, 1793.*]

State of New Hampshire.

To the honorable Senate, and house of representatives convened in general assembly.

The petition of the subscribers, inhabitants of a place called Dartmouth, in the County of Grafton, and State of New Hampshire, humbly sheweth, that said Dartmouth is inhabited by twenty four families, which labor under many inconveniences for want of legal authority to conduct town business, in consequence of which, they suffer much on account of highways being neglected, which not only injures the inhabitants, but has a tendency to retard further settlement: wherefore your

petitioners pray this honorable court to consider their case, and incorporate them into a town, that they may be vested with such authority as other towns within said State by law exercise and enjoy. And your petitioners shall ever pray

Dartmouth 29th May 1793.

John Marden	John holmes
Samuel Hart	Samuel holmes
Richard Stalbird	Elijah Moulton
James Rider	

[In H. of Rep., June 12, 1793, a hearing was ordered for the second Thursday of the next session. Notice was to be published in the *N. H. Gazette*, and posted in the town, which Samuel Marden, on the eighteenth of December, 1793, certifies was done. This petition was not granted, and another was presented by Col. Joseph Whipple, as agent for the town, dated May 20, 1796, which was granted.—Ed.]

KEENE.

This was one of the Massachusetts grants, made in accordance with a vote of the general court of that province of July, 1733. On the 19th of October following, a committee, consisting of Joseph Kellog, Timothy Dwight, and William Chandler, was appointed to lay out the townships on Ashuelot river forthwith. They reported in February, 1734, and the township was lotted in May or June following. The first proprietors' meeting was held in Concord, Mass., June 26, 1734; and in September following Jeremiah Hall, Daniel Hoar, Josiah Fisher, Elisha Root, Nathaniel Rockwood, Seth Heaton, and William Puffer visited Upper Ashuelot, as the place was called, and held a proprietors' meeting. Some settlements were made, and a fort built soon after, but the town was abandoned in 1746, in consequence of the atrocities of Canadian Indians, and not again occupied until 1750.

The settlement of the province line determined the township to be within the limits of New Hampshire; and a petition, dated February 2, 1753, was addressed to the governor, asking to have the grant confirmed, and the township

chartered. Their request was granted, the town being incorporated April 11, 1753, and named by the governor in honor of Sir Benjamin Keene, an English baronet.

The main street was originally laid out but four rods wide, and the city owes a debt of gratitude to the proprietors, who, at a meeting held September 30, 1736, voted to widen it, giving the proprietors of the lots on the west side four rods wide on the rear of their lots, they surrendering four rods in front, thus making a beautiful street eight rods in width, which is admired by all visitors.

The north-east corner of the town was set off September 27, 1787, united with portions of Gilsum, Stoddard, and Packersfield, and incorporated into the town of Sullivan.

Another portion was set off from the east side December 9, 1812, united with portions of Packersfield and Marlborough, and incorporated into the town of Roxbury.

An act passed the legislature in 1865, granting a city charter, but they refused to adopt the same. Another act was passed July 3, 1873, which was adopted.

Col. Isaac Wyman was Lieut. Col. in the First Regiment under Stark in 1775, and until appointed colonel in July, 1776. Among other prominent Revolutionary men were Samuel Wetherbee, Davis Howlett, and William, Timothy, and Benjamin Ellis, all of whom held commissions, and did good service in the field.

Keene owes much of its beauty to the good sense of the inhabitants in years past in keeping intact, in many instances, the original lots, thus giving ample grounds around their residences, and avoiding that crowded and irregular appearance that mars so many of our New England cities.

[5–194½ and 195 are ancient plans of Keene and Swanzey.—Ed.]

[5–196] [*Agent appointed to get the Town incorporated, 1750.*]

We whose Names are Hereunto Subscribed Inhabitants of the upper Ashuelot for a Long time Labour under many Great Difficulties for want of Town Priviledges we Do Therefore Hereby Constitute and Impower our Trusty friend Cap[t] Jeremiah Hall to Represent our Difficulties to his Excellency the

Governor of New Hampshire and to Any Others Concerned In that affair that we may be Incorperated Into a Town and Likewise we give power to him to Chuse a man to asist him In the affaires

Upper Ashuelot February ye 11th 1750

William Smeed	Jonathan Underwood	Michaell medcalf jr
Ebenezer Nims	John Rogers	Oliver Medcalf
David Nims	Nathan Blake	Abijah medcalf
Ephraim Dorman	Ebenezer Day	Jabez Hill
Nathan Fairbanks	Gideon Ellis	David Foster
Joseph Elles	Michaell Medcalf	Amos Foster

[5-197] [*Jeremiah Stiles appointed Agent to obtain an Act of Incorporation, 1750.*]

We the Subscribers Do hereby Impower Capt Jeremiah Hall to Pertition In our behalf for the Upper Township on Ashuelot River where we Dwell to his Excellency the Governour of New Hampshire and all Concern'd in that affair In the same form that it was laid out by the Massachusetts

Upper Ashuelot Feby 11th 1750

William Smeed	Ebenezer Day	David Foster
Ebenezer Nims	Gideon Ellis	Oliver medcalf
David Nims	Michael Medcalf	Michaell medcalf jr
Ephraim Dorman	Jabez Hill	Abijah medcalf
Nathan Fairbanks	Jonathan underwood	Samuell Hall
Joseph Elles	John Rogers	Jesse Hall
Nathan Blake	Elijah Dorman	

[5-198] [*John and Ruth Dinsmoor's Petition, 1750.*]

Prov of Newhamshore

To his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Govor^n &c In & over his Majestys Province of New hampshore

The Peti^on of John Densmoor & Ruth Densmoor his Wife Humbly Shews that Josiah Fisher of upper Ashaulott In the Province of Newhamshore decesed Late Husband of the said Ruth had In his Lifetime a Grant from the Massachusettets Goverment of one Whole Wright or Share In s^d township & that In his Lifetime Bult an house & Cleard & In proved Near forty acres of Land In s^d township & In the Begining of the

War with ye Endins the s^d Josiah Was Killed & the s^d Ruth ye Wedow of the Dec^ed was left with out any Children by the deces^d But she still Continued att ye said Ashualuett & In proved s^d Lands tell ye Endins Drove of the In habitance of s^d town & Sence the Sasition of arms the s^d Ruth with hir Present Husband hath fenced & In Proved the s^d Lands afore s^d wharefore your Petitioners Humbly Pray that your Exellency Would be plesed to Grant to your Petioners the s^d Lands afore s^d upon the Condition that your Exellency grants to others ye Kings subjects In s^d Province & your Petioners In duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

Nov^m ye 8th 1750

John Dunsmoor
Ruth Dunsmoor

[5-199] [*Benjamin Guild appointed to assist Capt. Stiles.*]

We whose Names are Hereunto Subscribed Being Propriators of the Upper Ashuelot Township so called Do hereby Impower Mr Benjamin Guild to joyne with Capt Jeremiah Hall in Petitioning His Exelency the Govoner of the Province of New Hamshire He observing the Instructions Given by others of the Propriators to the said Capt Hall

Wrentham Feb^r 20th 1750

John Whiting
Daniel Haws
Joseph Fisher
Samuel Fisher
Benjamin Guild
Obediah Blake
Ebenezer Daniells
Nathaniel Ware
Hannah Dale
Abner Ellis
Asa Richardson
Sarah Greene
Joseph Richardson
Daniell maceene
William Hancock
Samuel Danils
Esther Messenger
Jonathan Whiting
Jacob Bacon
Nath^ll Fairbnks
Abigail Guild
Robart Blak
Seth Heaton
Elijah Blake
Josiah Fisher for the hares of Aaron Fisher
Nathan Bucknam

[5-200] [*Petition for an Incorporation of the Town, 1751.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majestys Province of New Hampshire and to the Honorable his majestys Councill for said Province

The Petition of Jeremiah Hall and Benjamin Guild in behalf of them Selves and others Inhabitants Setlers and Proprietors of a certain Tract of land Called the upper Township on Ash-

uelot River in the Province of New Hampshire on the East side of Connecticut River (a plan of which Tract of land is herewith presented) most humbly Sheweth, that in the year 1737, in virtue of a Grant from the massachusets Government, a plantation was begun on said Tract of land—That in the year 1738 a minister was settled there and a meeting house built—That before the last Indian War with the Indians there were Thirty one Dwelling houses built on said Tract of land Sundry barns and a Fort of near a hundred foot square having eighteen fire Rooms within said fort a Saw mill and Grist mill built—that the setlers and others who were preparing for setling there before the Indian War had made large Improvements there and laid out their Substance in doing the Same—

That in the Spring of ye year 1747—The Indians burnt down all the dwelling Houses there except four—also burnt down all the Barns but one also burnt down the meeting house and the Fort also much household Stuff and killed Considerable Cattle Horses Sheep and Swine That the s^d Settlers and Proprietors are returnd and returning on to the said Tract of land in order to cultivate and Improve the same and in case a peace Continues with the Indians in a few years there will be forty or fifty familys in case there was an Incorporation—Wherefore your Petitioners most humbly Pray your Excellency and Honours to Incorporate the s^d Tract of land agreeable to the bounds thereof by the plan annexed and grant to your Petitioners and others their Constituents such Immutys and Privileges as other Towns Enjoy in this Province & your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

March ye 4th 1750/1

Jeremiah Hall
Benjamin Guild

[5-201] [*Another Petition for an Incorporation of the Town, 1753.*]

Upper Ashualot Feb^u ye 2^d 1753

We whose names are underwritten Do hereby Authorize and Impower our Trusty Friend Mr Ephraim Dorman to Prefer a Petition to his Excellency the Governour of New Hampshire for a Township known by the Name of the Upper Ashuelot and to Pray his Excellency to Grant a Charter of this Land to the Inhabitants and others Concerned in said Lands and to Insert a Clause in said Petition Praying his Excellency that if it might be Consistent with his Pleasure he would Insert a Clause in his Charter whereby every man may be Intitled to those Lands which he Thought himself to be the Honest owner of

he Paying the Charges that have arisen on said Lands to Prevent Endless Law-Suits and other Difficulties Impending over us and to set forth in said Petition the Great Cost and Expence we have been at in Building two Forts and Defending the Kings Lands and the Great Losses we have Sustained by the Enemy as set forth in the Petition Lodged with Mr Atkinson Secretary and to take the Names Lodged with Mr Livermore and annex to said Petition

Jeremiah Hall	Samuel Reed	Isaac Clark
William Barnes	Benjamin Larrabee	Nathan Blake
Ebenezer Daniells	David Foster	Michael medcalf ju
Jabez Hill	Benjamin Twichell	Joseph Elles
Timothy Harington	David Nims	Gideon Ellis
Daniel Twitchel	Ebenezer Day	Eleazer Sanger
Amos Foster	William Smeed	Jonah French
Titus Belding	Ebenezer Nims	

[The foregoing petition was successful, and a charter was granted April 11, 1753.—Ed.]

[5-202]

At a Legal meeting of the Town of Keen in Decr 1776 made Choice of Capt Jeremiah Stiles for a Justice of the Peace in said Town

Attest Ichabod Fisher Town Clerk

[5-203] [*Relative to Innoculation for Small-Pox, 1776.*]

To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire The petition of us the Subscribers Freeholders of the Town of Keen in the County of Cheshire Humbly Sheweth—

Whearas Sundry Persons have Set up houses in this Town for the purpose of Inoculating for the Small pox, by which Means the Small pox has been Spread and Still Continues to Spread in this and other Towns, to the Great Determent of the publick Good—and a Number of Usefull members of Society have lost their Lives thereby and the prosecution of mens Necessary Callings Rendered Dangerous—and the Repeated Endeavour of the Towns to lay Persons Concer'd und proper Restrictions and Regulations—have been inefectual We there-

fore your Petitioners humbly Pray that you would in Your wisdom So Interpose by Your Authority that a Speedy and an Effectual Stop may be put thereto for the present—as Your Petitioners in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray.

Keen Novem^{r} 22^{d} 1776

Jer^{h} Stiles	Benj Archer Jun	Josiah Ellis
Isaac Estey	Jesse Clark	Timothy Ellis Junr
Ebenezer Nims	Thomas Field	Elisha Briggs
Reuben Partridge	William Goodenow	Nathaniel Briggs
Gideon Ellis June^{r}	Joseph Blake	Benj^{a} Balch
Robart Spencer	Wm Ellis	Cephas Clark
Jonathan Pond	Aaron Gray	John Balch
Ebenezer Day	Aaron Gray Junr	Jonethan Archer
John Day	Jesse Hall	Abner Ralston
Jedediah Wellman	Ebenezer Newton	
Stephen Larrabe	Abijah Metcalf	
Nathaniel kings-buery	Ryal Blake	
	Henry Elles	

[5-205] *Petition for a Lottery for the Purpose of Building a Bridge, 1778.*]

To the Honorable the Council and General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire—

The Petition of the Selectmen of the Town of Keen in the County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire; Humbly Sheweth—

Whereas by Reason of the Scituation of the Town of Keen Several Rivers and Large Streams of Water Centre in Said Town which Causes a Large Number of Bridges and Causways to be Necesary in Said Town; and by the Rapidity of some of said Rivers Especially in Time of high water it very often happens that Bridges are Carried off which has been of Great Cost and Charges to the Inhabitance and Likely so to Remain Especially Upon a Certain Rapid Stream Called the East Branch of Ashuelot River where of Late a Large Bridge is almost Ruin'd and the Banks of Said Stream being of Loose Gravel it often happens they are torn and the Course of the Stream much Altered and makes it almost Impossible to make a Bridge to Stand any Considerable Time which Causes great Difuculty and Danger to Travelers Espeially in high water—However there is a Certain place upon said Stream at some Distance from place now used—where a Bridge might be made

that would much Beter Accomodate Travelers to Boston Portsmouth or any other Port then the place now Used but the Town by Reason of so many Other Bridges are not Able to Build one at said place as the Cost would be considerable; we therefore your Humble Petitioners pray in the Name and behalf of the Town that your Honours in your Wisdom would Order and Appoint Some way that we may have Some Assistance Either by Granting a Publick Lottery or any other way which your Honours Shall think proper it being a Road much Used from Different parts of the Contry with which if your Honours Do Comply your Humble Petetioners as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray

Keen May 14th 1778

Jeremiah Stiles
Silas Cook } Select men
Simeon Clark

N B: It is Suposed that the Sum of 6500 Dollars would be a Suficient Sum to make a Good Bridge and Causway at Said place

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[5-204] [*Relative to a Lottery for the Purpose of Building a Bridge, 1778.*]

To the Honorable the Council and House of Representitives of the State of New Hampshire the Petition of the Subscribers being Select men of the Towns of in said state in Behalf of said Towns Humbly Sheweth—

Whereas your Petitioners are Informed That the Town of Keen have Petitioned praying Your Honours to Grant them Assistance by a Lottery to Enable them to Build a Bridge over a Certain Rapid Stream Known by the Name of the East Branch We therefore your Petitioners being Senseable of the Great Benefit that would Accrue to the Publick thereby, and at the Time Knowing the multitude of Bridges and Casways which the Inhabitance of said Town Are Obliged to Build and Keep in Repair and the Charges of the Same by Reason of Freshets which often happens and also the Great Probability of a Bridge standing Safe in the place which is proposed, together with the Good Accomodation of the place to Every Publick Road—We therefore humbly Pray that the Petition of said Town of Keen may be Granted Being of Opinion that it will be a Great Publick Benefit it being a Place which may be passed in high water with much more Safety than the old Road that Lead thro' Intervails and Low Grounds—which Petition if your Honours in

your wisdom think proper to Grant, we Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray.

July 23d 1778

Joseph Greenwood Reuben Morse Eli Morse	Selectmen of Dublin
Roger Gilmore Abrm Bailey John Stanley	Selectmen of Jaffrey
Enoch Hale Edwd Jewett Francis Towne	Selectmen of Rindge

[I fail to find any action of the legislature on this matter. —Ed.]

[5-206] [*Relative to Trial of several Royalists, 1777.*]

Walpole Sept 9th 1778

The State of New Hampshire To Nathll S. Prentice Dr agreeable to their order of the 22th Augt Last past Directing me to pay Capt Benjn Floods pay Roll To Cash paid Capt Benja Flood toward Sd Roll, £29, 10, 0 as pr. Receipt

To Cash paid by Colo Benja Bellows out of the money Lent toward Carring on gun making in his hands as pr receipt 47, 2, 6

Total of the Roll £76, 12, 6

Return of the names of the Persons found guilty of missdemenors against the States by a Special Session held at Keen June 1777 as pr minutes on file with the sum find & order thereon

Col Josiah Willard	20*s*	John Gould	40*s*
Majr Josiah Willard	30*s*	Alexander Rolstone	40*s*
Eleazer Pomroy	20*s*	Paul Richardson	40*s*
Ebenr Harvey	40*s*	Nathan Rugg	40*s*
Revd Micah Lawrence	20*s*	Revd Clement Sumner	40*s*
Benja Mellvin	40*s*	Capt Henry Coffin	20*s*
Benja Mellvin Jr	40*s*	Samll King	40*s*
Nathan Willard	10*s*	John White	40*s*
Joseph Collins	20*s*	Simon Willard	10*s*
Samll Wadsworth	40*s*	Total	£29-10-0

Ordered that the several Persons fin^{d} for Misdemenor, Recognize in the sum of £500 as Principal with Two Surties to be of a Peacable Behaviour towards the State & to be Confin^{d} within certain Limits untill this Court or Sum other Authority shall Discharge them therefrom—

order^{d} that Capt Benj^{a} Flood Receive £12—out of the fine-money to Billit his guard with he to acct therefor—

order^{d} that the Remainder of the fines be Reposited in the hands of Nathl S. Prentice Esq to wait the County Sessions order thereon

a Coppy from the minutes on file

Nathl S. Prentice Clerk of s^{d} Sessions

[Some of the evidence used at said trial may be found in Vol. VIII, page 593. Ebenezer Harvey, Pomeroy, and King were ordered to confine themselves to the limits of their farms in Chesterfield, but were released from said bonds and limits April 7, 1778, by recommendation of the committee of safety of said town.—ED.]

[5-207] [*Jeremiah Stiles chosen Magistrate, 1777.*]

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of Keen on January the 14th 1777—Voted that Capt Jeremiah Stiles of this town be in Nomination for a Justice of the Peace for this County

Attest Ichabod Fisher Town Clerk

To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire—Humbly Shews,

We the subscribers, Inhabitants of the Town of Keene in the County of Cheshire, beg leave to inform your honours, that Capt Jeremiah Stiles, at a legal meeting of this Town, as may appear by the copy of the vote hereto annexed, was unanimously nominated for a Justice of the Peace: And, for reasons, not known to us, is not appointed. * *

Keene, October 12, 1779

Abraham Wheeler	James Wright	Zadok Wheeler
Benjamin Osgood	David Willson	Daniel Willson
Abraham Wheeler iu	Ephraim Wright	John Houghton
Ebenezer Cook	Benjam Osgood Ju	Davis Howlett
Isaac Griswold	Alpheus Nims	

[They requested his appointment, and it was granted.—ED.]

[R. 2-132] [*Deserters from the Army, 1777.*]

Deserted from Capt John Griggs's Company in Cor^{l} Scammills Rig^{t} Epraim Hall 24 years of age Six feet high Dark hair Blew Eyes Light Colered Cloths formerly belonged to Lyn: Whosoever will take up S^{d} Deserter and Return him to his Company att Keen or N° 4: in the State of New Hampshire shall have a harnsom Reward and all Nesesary Charges Paid by me

John Griggs Capt

Keen May ye 5th 1777

[He also advertises for one Nathan Gale, "21 yers of age 6 feet Hi Well Set Dark hair."—Ed.]

[R. 2-133] [*Documents relative to Capt. Samuel Weatherbee, 1778.*]

I Davise Howlett of Keen in the County of Cheshire and Province of Newhampshire, testifieth and saith that Eighty five men appeared on mount Independence that belonged to Capt Sam^{ll} Weatherbees Company in the year 1776 and that two other men enlisted by s^{d} Capt Weatherbee, Namely Roswell Shephard who Died of the Small Pox as I was informed and Thos Wilder who to my knowledge Did Die of the Small Pox before march^{d}

Keen feb^{ry} 10-1778

Davis Howlett Lieu^{t}

[Sworn to before Isaac Wyman.—Ed.]

[*Col. Wyman's Certificate.*]

This may Certifie whome it may Concern that Capt Sam^{ll} Weatherbe First & Largest Return of his Company was 84 men Test

Isaac Wyman

[R. 2-134] [*Deposition of Ebenezer Putnam.*]

Charlestown Jan^{r} 23th 1778

Deposition of Eben^{r} Putnam Being of Lawful age Doth testify and say that some time in July 1776 Capt Weatherbee ask^{d}

me what I would give him to Discharge me: I told him Nothing where uppon he told me that he would Discharge me for Twenty Dollars or five weeks work I told him I would give it then he turned about and went and got a man to go in my Rhoom and I set of to go home but Before I got home I got sick of My Bargain and went and told him I would go My Self and pay him for his trouble for gitting the man he told me if I would go and tell the man that I would go into the Service that should pay the s^{d} Capt for his trouble after I was Inlisted I ast the Capt if he was willing that I should take the Small Pox he said No by No means for perhaps we may be call^{d} for before you will be Ready to march then I was advis^{d} by Capt Geer and Mr Olcott to ask Col^{o} Hunt advise about the matter where upon he said he would advise any man that was a going to Enocolate as he thought it was not safe to go without

Ebenezer Putnam

Sworn before Benj^{a} Bellows.

[R. 2-135]. [*John Hart's Discharge, 1776.*]

Charlestown august 6th 1776—

These may Certify That in Consideration of Ten dollars To me In hand paid by John Hart I do hereby discharge him from my Company in The Continential Service in Col^{o} Wymans Regiment of the New hampshire forces as witness my Hand

Sam^{ll} Wetherbe Capt

[R. 2-137]

[This document is the resignation of Major Timothy Ellis, dated Keene, October 19, 1779.—Ed.]

[R. 2-138] [*Substitute for Nehemiah Town, 1780.*]

These may certifie That I Josiah Reed of Chickaby in Springfield in Consideration of Certain agreements Between Nehemiah Town of Keen in the State of Newhampshire and myself have Engaged and do hereby Engage to serve in his Room & Stead in the Newhampshire Lines for the Town of Keen for the space of six months as witness my hand at Springfield July ye 20th 1780

Josiah Read

[R. 2-140] [*Nehemiah Brown, wounded Soldier.*]

To home it may Conserne

This May Certifye that Nehemiah Brown a Soldier in the Melisha in the Battel at Loomes Cock in the year 1777 was Shot throw his Leg was under my Caire & was not fitt for anny busness for for or five month

Thoᵉ Frink Surgeon to sᵈ Brown

Keene yᵉ 14ᵗʰ of Octobʳ 1785

[R. 2-141] [*Petition of Charles Rice, Bunker Hill Soldier, 1791.*]

To the honb'le the Senate and house of Representatives in General Court convened at Concord.—

Humbly Shews, Charles Rice of Keene, that in the year 1775 being a Soldier in Captain Jeremiah Stiles's Company & Colᵒ John Stark's Regiment he received a most distressing wound through the breast at the memorable battle of Bunker Hill—which has ever since rendered it impossible for him to gain a comfortable subsistance for himself—much more for a numerous family which daily look to him for that assistance which he would most readily afford were it in his power.—That your petitioner has never received the least assistance from his Country being entirely ignorant of any feasible method of making application—He therefore prays your Honorable body to compassionate his case and lend him such assistance as in your clemency you shall judge proper—And as in duty bound ever prays

Jeremiah Stiles in behalf of the petitioner

[He petitioned again May 19, 1795, complaining that he had not been allowed for "arrears of pension," and desired to have the legislature intercede in his behalf.—Ed.]

[5-208] [*Warrant from Vermont for the Election of Two Representatives, 1781.*]

State of Vermont

In generall Asembly windsor Aprell 7ᵗʰ 1781

to either of the constabels of the town of keen in the County of Cheshire greeting—Where as by a late union of the whole of the New Hampshir grants with the state of vermont a solid and

permanant basis is laid for one free Sovering and independant State the union of indivudills the right of the peopell and the exigencys of afairs the arangement of oficers the estableshment of govermant and the vigirous aforts of this state to be made against the comon enemy requires an imeadiate full and fair representation of the peopell at this Asembly these are therefore to direct you upon sight hereof to warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants in s^d town of keen that have a right by law to vote to asembell at the usuall place for holding town meetings in s^d town as soon as may bee and that you then and their call upon them to bring in their votes succesivelly for two representatives of Said town to take their seats forthwith in this hous as law directs that you make declaration of the persons chosen and return the same to this Asembly

excrats from the Journalls
by order of asembly
Noah hopkins Clark

[Keene voted against the union with Vermont, and did not send any representative.—ED.]

[5-209] [*John Balch, Post-Rider, 1781.*]

State of New Hampshire
In Com^tee of Safety Exeter July 27th 1781

Pursuant to a Vote of the General Assembly of the 27th of June 1781, Authorizing the Committee of Safety to establish a Post to ride from Portsmouth to the western part of this State and agreeable to the Proposal of Mr John Balch of Keene, He the said John Balch is hereby appointed a Post to ride for the term of three months, to set out from Portsmouth on Saturday morning & to ride to Haverhill by the way of Concord & Plymouth, and thence down the River to Charlestown, Keene and to Portsmouth again, which Tour is to be punctually performed once in each & every fourteen days during said term, unless this Committee shall think it most convenient for the public Good, that the said Balch should sometimes alter his rout.

The said Balch is to Convey all public Acts, Letters & Dispatches free of Charge—For which Service he shall receive from this State seventy hard Dollars or paper money equivalent.—

M Weare Pres^t

I, John Balch do hereby agree to the foregoing proposals and engage punctually to perform the duty of Post-rider agreeably thereto—

John Balch

[5-210] [*Timothy Balch, Post-Rider, 1785.*]

To the Honble General assembly of the State of New Hamp^r
Now Convein'd at Portsmouth—in Said State—

Humbly shews,

Timothy Balch of Keen in this State

That he has been a public Carrier for near two years from Portsmouth to Charlestown in the County of Cheshire which Rout he has perform'd once a Fortnight—except in exceeding bad Traveling and the pay he has had for carrying News papers and private letters has been very inadiquate to his Labour Expence &c

That when your Petitioner engaged in this Service he had encouragement from the Committie of Safty and the Treasurer of this State for a proper compensation for the Business Your Petetioner from time to time Should do for the public and as almost two years is expired Since he engaged in this Service wou'd be glad Some Allowance might be made him therfor—

Your Petitioner therefore most Humbly prays that your Honers wou'd take the Matter under Consideration and grant Such Relief as the Case and Service Requires—and he as in duty bound Shall Ever pray &c—

Tim° Balch

June 10. 1785

[5-211] [*Relative to Taxes on Estates of Absentees, 1783.*]

This may Certify that the Land of Elijah William Esqr late of Keene Absentee
was in the year 1781 taxed hard money 1*s* 11-2
& New Emishon ——— ——— ——— £1 : 7 : 11-5
& the Land of Doct Josiah Pomeroy an Absentee
was taxed the same year the sum in hard
money— £ 0 : 1*s* : 3 : 1
New Emishon ——— ——— ——— £10 : 9 : 1 : 1

Keen August 26 1783

David Nims Jr
Jonathan Baley
Nathan Blake jur
} Selectmen of Keene

In behalf of the Select men R^d an order on the Treasury for the above sum

Benjamin Hall

[5-212] [*Resignation of Timothy Ellis, 1782.*]

Keene Septr 14-1782

Sirs

I retain a due Sense of Gratitude for the many favors and Honors bestowed upon me by the General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire; and in particular for their appointing me Colonel of the Regiment, which I now Command. I am still tenacious of the Rights and Liberties of Mankind, and attached to the State of New Hampshire. The Appointment was very unexpected, and (as I thought I had neither Leisure, nor Ability to perform with Honor the Duties which that Station required) very undesireable to me. However, I accepted the same, hopeing that I should soon be succeeded by some person more suitably qualified. But as I find myself disappointed in that Respect, I must beg Leave to decline acting any longer in that Capacity, and Send this my Resignation; trusting that the Honble Assembly will Soon appoint Some person to take the Command of this Regiment, who will conduct with Wisdom, understanding, Fidelity and Honor. I am, Sir,

your most obedient humble Servant

Timothy Ellis

To the Honble Meshach Weare Esqr; to be communicated to the General Assembly.—

[5-213] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Cheshire ss To The Hon. Ebenezer Tompson Esqr Secetary of the State of New Hampshire—

Hon^{d} Sir

Pursuant to an Order from the General Assembly we the Subscribers have taken the Number of all the Rateable polls within the Town of Keene from the Age of Twenty one years and Upwards and find them to be Two Hundred and Twenty Eight

Josiah Richardson } Select
Timothy Ellis } men of
David Nims Jr } Keene

Cheshire ss Keene Decem^{r} 13th 1783

The Above Named Josiah Richardson Col Timothy Ellis and David Nims Junr personally Appeared and made Solomn Oath that the Above is the True Number of all the Rateable polls within the Town of Keene from Twenty one years old and Upward according to the best of their Knowledge Before me

Thos Baker Just Pac^{e}

[5-214] [*Relative to the County Jail, 1783.*]

To the Honble Council and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Court Assembled this twenty Eighth day of Octr AD 1783

Dan Guild Gaoler, and others (Subscribers belonging to Keene in the County of Cheshire) humbly shew that they conceive it would be very beneficial not only to the Publick but to the Town of Keene in general, and the Poor Prisoners in Gaol here in particular, that ye Limits of the Yard of the Prison here might be extended beyond what it now is by law, sixty feet, so as to take in a Barn and Shop that would be very convenient for them to labour in and thereby to Earn something for their Support during their being obliged to remain in said Gaol untill they can sware out; As there is a considerable number of Prisoners in that Predicament—Wherefore Your Petitioners pray that an Act may be passed to extend the Yard of said Prison as aforesaid which will be a great relief to the Prisoners in Gaol, and to the Gaoler, and as we humbly conceive no damage to the Publick. And as in duty bound will ever pray

Dan Guild Gaoler	Abner Sanger
Thos Baker	Nathan Blake jur
N: Cooke	Thomas Field
Benja Hall	Israel Houghton
Jer Stiles	

[5-215] [*Taxes on Land of Absentees, 1785.*]

Extract from a tax or assesment in Keene being the State tax on the town of Keene for the year 1782—

		s	d
Elijah Williams' land	£ 1..	8..	9
Josiah Pomeroy's land	10..	14..	1½

Extract from a tax for raising continental men in the year 1782—

		s	d
Elijah Williams' land	£ 1..	10..	10
Josiah Pomeroy's land	11..	10..	9

The above are true extracts from the Original assesments

Attest

Ichabod Fisher } assessors
Reuben Partridge } for the year 1782

Feb. ye 4th 1785—

R^d an order on the Treas^ry in behalf of the Selectmen for the Above Benjamin Hall

[5-216] [*Certificate of Nails made, 1789.*]

The State of New Hampshire Cheshire ss

To whom it may concern—

We the Subscribers the major part of the Select Men of the Town of Keene in said County of Cheshire do hereby certify that Ezra Hervey of Keene afores[d] Nailer has bona fide made or caused to be made at his Workshop in Keene aforesaid between the months of october AD 1787 and December AD 1788 —two hundred thousand of four penny wrought nails—In Witness whereof We do hereto set our hands & seals this 25th Day of December AD 1789—

Dan[l] Kingsbury
Jeremiah Stiles
Ebenezer Robbins
P Sprague

Cheshire ss Dec[r] 23th 1789—I the subscriber being the nearest Justice of the peace to the above named Ezra Hervey, do certify that the said Hervey has bona fide made or caused to be made in his Work Shop in Keene afores[d] the above number of nails within the Time aboves[d]

Tho[s] Baker Just pac[e]

Jany 12, 1790

Received an Order on the Treasurer for six pounds as a bounty on nailmaking in behalf of Ezra Harvey

Isaac Griswold

[Similar certificates were presented in favor of the following, for the purpose of obtaining the bounty offered by the state:

Elijah Baker, 400,000 ten-penny wrought nails in 1790.
Ezra Harvey, 200,000 four-penny wrought nails in 1790.
" 400,000 " " 1791.
Elijah Baker, 100,000 ten-penny wrought nails in 1791.
" 300,000 " " 1792.
Ezra Harvey, 400,000 four-penny wrought nails in 1792.
—Ed.]

[5-231]

State of New-Hampshire Cheshire ss.

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and others Inhabitants of the Town of Keene held Aus[t] 25th 1794—Hon[ble] Dan[l] New-

comb Esqr was chosen to Represent said Town in General Court the present Year instead of Jeremiah Stiles Esqr resigned.

Keene Aus^{t} 25th 1794

Attest Lock. Willard T. Clerk

E Dunbar } Selectmen
A Wilder } of Keene

KENSINGTON.

The township was set off from Hampton Falls, April 1, 1737, and "erected into a distinct parish" by its present name, which is probably derived from some English town. John Weare, Joseph Wadley, and Ezekiel Dow were authorized to call the first meeting.

A mistake was made in describing the bounds in the act above referred to, which was rectified by an act passed the 26th of the following August. Rev. Jeremiah Fogg was settled as parish minister in November, 1737, and remained until he died, December 1, 1789.

Kensington was a populous town at the breaking out of the Revolution. The following are the names of their men in the First N. H. Regiment:

Joseph B. Hoit, entered March 21, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

Orson Lock, entered April 14, 1777; discharged September 19, 1777.

The latter was killed.

[R. 2-143]

[William Evens, of Kensington, states that he was a soldier in Capt. Folsom's company in the summer of 1759, and lost his gun, for which he asks to be paid. The petition was dismissed.—Ed.]

[R. 2-144]

[Samuel Elliot, of Kensington, says he was in the service in 1760, went as far as Wentworth's ferry, and came home from there by permission of his officer, notwithstanding

which he was returned as a deserter by Capt. Marston. He wants to be righted. The petition was dismissed March 13, 1761.—ED.]

[R. 2-145, 146, 147]

[In a petition dated June 9th, 1763, Benjamin Page, of Kensington, stated that he had two sons, minors, in the army in 1759, in Capt. Samuel Folsom's company, one of whom died, and the other was wounded. He asks for their wages, and presents the following certificate:—ED.]

Kensington June ye 9th 1763

To the Honourable House of Representatives—

This is to Signify to your Honours my Judgment and opinion of Samuel Page Son of Benjamin Page of this Parish he was in the army in the year 1759 and Came home sick with the purging Called the Camp Disorder and wasted and Died with the same in about six weeks after he came home I visited him as a physician in the time of his Languishment and according to the Best of my Judgment he died with the Camp Disorder and likewise would Signify to you that Jeremiah Page Son of Benjamin Page Being at oswego the same year that his Brother was and that he was wounded in actual Service By Reason of which he hath lost the Spring of his great Toe which is greatly to his Damage—

Benjamin Rowe

[He was allowed £4-17-6 sterling.—ED.]

[5-232] [*Petition for a Grant of Land.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Governour & Commander in Chief in & over His Maj^ey Province of New Hampsh^er in New England and to the Hon^bl His Maj^ey Council—

Humbly Shew your Petitioners Inhabitants of the Parish of Kensington in s^d Prov^e—

That your Petitioners do themselves (many of them) Stand in need of Tracts of Land for to settle on & Improve, and your other Petitioners have Either Sons or such as they are Concerned to provide for, who Stand in need of the Same.—That most of your Petitioners have not had any Share & the other but a

small Share in any Grants of Townships which have been Already Made.—And your Petitioners Hope (as they are Part of an Ancient Town which has paid a Large Share of Taxes in the Support & Defence of the Government; & do (themselves) still pay more Taxes then Some other Parishes that Have ye Privilege of a Representative) That they Shall be Remembered with the other Parts of the Town (which are now Petitioning your Excellency) in such Grants of out-Lands as may now be made—

We therefore Pray Your Excellency that we may have a Grant of such a Quantity of Land as may accomodate the Number of your Petitioners, according to what is usually allowed in Grants of Townships. We also Request that the Grant may be adjoyning to those that may be made to the other Parts of the Town or that we may be otherwise provided for as your Excellency & Honours shall Judge Best—And your Petitioners Shall Ever Pray—

The Record

Henery Lampre
Israel James
Joseph Chase hilyard
Benjamin Page
Daniel Blake
Mr Fogg
Ezekiel Dow
James Pirkens
moses Blake Jur
Samuel Page
John graves
Philbrick Palmer
Josiah Dow
John Page Juner
Theophilus Page
Obadiah Johnson
Jonathan Dow
Jonathan Brown
moses Shaw
Jonathan Palmer
Moses Grifen
Nehemiah Brown
Joseph Pike
Caleb Shaw
Benjamin Prescutt
Joseph Weare
John Batchelder
Benjamin James
Abraham Moulton
Benjamin Brown Juner
John Weare
Simon Batchelder
Nathan Clough
William Evens Junr
Jeremiah Green
Jeremiah Batchelder
Jeremiah Sanborn
Joshua Gilman
John Dow
Elijah Connor
Benjamin Brown
Josiah Blake
Samuel Clifford Jur
Isaac fellows
Phebe Purenton
Abel Word
Philip Dow
Stephen Brown

[5-234] [*Ebenezer Brown's Complaint, 1778.*]

M^r pickerin this is to inform you that the in habitance of Dear field has past and re past through My land with out leav or lisance wich is a grate Damage to me you must thnk by Sides a great Charge that I have bin att I am obloyegd to Make three Mils and a Quarter of fence be Sides loosing my land and 2 hundred pounds expencis and I think No Man of reson Can

Say that is not a damage they have returnd Me Som land for my satisfaction but I will not take it for it is within My bounds be fore but I will not take land for it if thare ever So much

kinsington May the 20 1778

Ebenezer Brown

[5-235] [*Petition for a Paper Currency, 1785.*]

To the Honble the Genl Court of the State of Newhampshire to be held at Concord by Adjournment on the third Wednesday of Octr current—

The petition of the Inhabitants of the parish of Kensington, in the County of Rockingham & State of Newhamps^r Humbly sheweth,—That by reason of the extream scarcity of a Circulating medium, that business of almost all kinds have ceas'd, or must shortly cease, to the Distress of your petitioners, & the Community at large—

Therefore your petitioners Humbly beg that your honours would Emit a quantity of paper money sufficient to Discharge the State Debt, or Devise some way or means whereby the outstanding Taxes may immediately be paid into the Treasury, that the Treasurer may thereby be enabled to discharge s^d Debt; or otherwise relieve your petitioners as you in your great wisdom shall think meet, & your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray—

Kensington Octr 14th 1785—

Abraham Sanborn
John Page
Isaac Fellows
} Committee in behalf of the parish of Kensington

This Committee was chosen by a large Majority of the parish for the above purpose—

Atest Moses Shaw jr Parish Clerk

[See Vol. XI, p. 127.—Ed.]

[5-236] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire Rockingham ss.—

Pursuant to a vote of the General Court of said State We the Subscribers do hereby return the number of male polls of

Twenty one years of age and upwards paying for themselves a Poll Tax within the Town of Kensington 153.

Kensington Decem^{r} 8th 1783

J. Bachelder
Nathan Dearborn } Selectmen
Joseph Brown

Sworn before Benjamin Rowe

[5-237] [*An Appeal for Dr. Benjamin Rowe, about 1785.*]

To his Excellency Meshech Weare, President of the State of New Hampshire And the Honble Council for said State—

The Petition of us whose names are under written Inhabitants of the Town of Kensington, humbly sheweth, That Doctor Benjamin Rowe Esqr of said Kensington, before the present Constitution of Government existed, and served the public in the capacity of a Justice of the peace, and we conceive he served with ability fidelity and in honor. To call in question his ability to act in such a capacity, would be condemning the Judgment of that honorable body that appointed him to his office. * * * * That we conceive while we would by no means call in question your wisdom and Integrity in your appointments; that it is a Priviledge we may reasonably hope you will indulge us with, to appoint and commission the said Benjamin Rowe Esqr to be Justice of the peace under the present Constitution. * * * *

Winthrop Rowe	Benj^{a} Moulton	Stephen Brown
Jonathan green	John Page	Timothy S. Eaton
David Stuard	Benjamin James Jur	Nathaniel Dow
Jacob Worthen	henry Sanbun	Nathaniel Weare
John Page iu	Charles Page	William french
Hanson Hodgdon	Theophilus Sanburn	Stephen Brown jr
David Sanborn	John Lamprey	Weare Nudd
Jona Tilton	Joseph Palmer	Jonathan Flanders
Theophilus Folsom	Abner Eastman	John Green
Abraham Sanborn	Benjamin Eastman	Stephen Green
Jonathan Prescott	Enoch Worthen	obadiah Johnson
Jonathan Rowe	Robert Pike	David James
Paul Blake	Stephen Page	John Chase
Samuel Prescutt	Stephen Brown the 3^{d}	Ephraim Abbott
John Melcher		Caleb Brown
David Prescott	Jethro Brown	moses Blake
Elihu Chase	Jeremiah Dearborn	Richard Samborn
Nathan gove	David Shaw	Jon^{a} Prescott Ju

Caleb Brown
Enoch gove
Elijah gove
Josiah Blake
Hezekiah Blake
Samuel Dearborn
Jos C. Hillard
Benjamin James
Benjamin Tilton
Abraham Prescutt
William Brown
Noah Hobbs
Simon Prescutt
Joseph Prescutt
odlin Prescott
Benjamin Prescott
Josiah Batchelder
Edward Lock
Joseph Rowe
Moses Shaw
Elisha Blake Jur
Nathan Shaw
Abraham Shaw
Elisha Blake
Stephen Chase
John Palmer
Josiah Brown
martin Prescott
Joseph Clifford
Nathan Page
Samuel Clifford
Benjamin Loveren
Ebenezer Loveren
John Graves
John Bacheler
Jeremiah Tilton
Joseph Brown
David Philbrick
Joseph Hilliard
Joseph Dow
Josiah Dow
Benjamin Dow
Isaac Fellows
Jonathan Palmer
John Batchelder
David Chase
Samuel Rowe
Joseph Wadleigh
Jewett Sanborn

[5-238] [*Petition for a Coroner, 1786.*]

To the Honorable the President and Council of New Hampshire—

Gentlemen—

We the Subscribers desirous of having a Coroner or Coroners appointed in Kensington take liberty to recommend Mr Nathan Dow and Mr Newell Healey as fit for that Office—

Kensington May the 15th 1786—

Eben^r Clifford
Jere. Fogg Junr
Jere: Bachelder
Winthrop Rowe
Samuel Rowe
John Batchelder
Philemon Blake Jr
Joshua Lane
Jon^a Fellows
Eben^r Potter
Stephen Page
Enoch worthen

[5-239] [*Jeremiah Fogg's Declination of the Office of Adjutant-General, 1786.*]

Kensington July ye 6th 1786—

Gentlemen—

About the beginning of last Month I rec^d the inclosed Commission from the hands of ye deputy Secretary—

The Honor done me by the late Executive in an appointment so important as that of Adjutant General of the State is grate-

fully acknowledged—And while I realize the Dignity as well as necessity of such an Office I regret my inability to fulfill it and the Necessity I am under to decline an Acceptance.—

I am with much esteem Gent[n]
Your very humble Servant—
Jere: Fogg

To the Honorable the President and Council of New Hampshire—

KINGSTON.

The township was granted Aug. 6, 1694, in the sixth year of the reign of William and Mary, by Lieut. Gov. John Usher, to James Prescott, Sr, Isaac Godfrey, Thomas Philbrick, Jr., Gershom Elkins, Samuel Calcott, Thomas Webster, Samuel Dearborn, William Godfrey, Jacob Garland, John Mason, Ebenezer Webster, Nathaniel Sandburn, Benjamin Sandburn, John Moulton, Daniel Moulton, Francis Towle, and others, mostly of Hampton. It was named Kingstown, the derivation of which is obvious, and the name was generally so spelled until about the year 1800. This grant covered the territory which is now contained in the towns of East Kingston, Danville, and Sandown. Settlements were commenced soon after the grant, but little progress was made until after the treaty of peace with the Indians, which was signed at Portsmouth, July 11, 1713. Rev. Ward Clark, ordained in 1725, was their first settled minister.

Nov. 17, 1738, the easterly part of the town was set off and incorporated by the name of Kingstown East Parish.

The west part of the town, as originally granted, was set off April 6, 1756, by the governor and council, and incorporated into the town of Sandown. Another portion was incorporated into a town by the name of Hawke (now Danville), Feb. 22, 1760. In consequence of these acts, the town at present contains but a small portion of its original grant.

Dr. Josiah Bartlett commenced practice in this town in 1761. He was a member of the state committee of safety from May 19, 1775, to Jan. 20, 1776; from Jan. 20, 1777, to May 28, 1778; and from Jan. 5, 1779, to May 29, 1784;

one of the justices of the supreme court from Nov. 14, 1782, until he was elected president of the state in 1790, holding the office of chief executive four years. He died May 19, 1795, at the age of 65.

[5-240] [*Petition for a Confirmation of the Grant and Specification of its Bounds.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Captain General, Governour and Commander in Chief in and over his Majestys Province of New Hampshire in New England and to the Honorable his majestys Council for said Province

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Kingstown in the Province of New Hampshire Most Humbly Shews

That on the Sixth of August A. D. 1694—John Usher Esqr then Lieutenant Governour & Commander in Chief in and over said Province with the advice & Consent of the Council for s^{d} Province by a Charter of that date did give and Grant a certain tract of land lying within the said Province of New Hampshire described and bounded as in the said charter (refference thereto being had may fully appear) unto the persons mentioned in said Charter, and unto Severall others of their Majestys loving Subjects, that then did or Should Inhabit within the said Grant —That from the Date of said Charter till the Settlement of the Boundary line between the Province of New Hampshire on the South and the Province of the Massachusets Bay on the North there has been both a publick and private dispute Subsisting which has been no Small Detriment to the said Town of Kingstown—

That your Petitioners apprehend the Boundary Line between the Two provinces is now fixed and that the Southern Bounds of Kingstown is the same as the dividing line between the Two Provinces—

That there is some ambiguity and uncertainty in the said Charter as to the bounds of said Grant—which, for want of an Explanation may possibly hereafter be the occasion of disputes and expense of much time and Money, which by your Excellency and Honours in your great wisdom may be prevented

Wherefore your Petitioners pray your Excellency and Honours to take this Petition and the Charter afores^{d} (a copy of which your Petitioners will lay before your Excellency & Honours) under your wise consideration and to Confirm the aforesaid Grant and to rectify any mistakes and uncertaintys there may be touching the description or bounds of the said tract of Land intended to be given and granted by the aforesaid Charter

so that the said Grant may take effect according to the true intent and meaning thereof—And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall Ever pray &c—

Eben^{r} Stevens
Jedidiah Philbrick
John Hunton
} Select Men of Kingstown & in behalf of said Town

[5-241] [*Precept for an Election, 1710.*]

Province of New Hampsh^{r}

to the Constable of Kings Town you are in Her majestys Name Required to Convean the free houlder of your Town together on munday the 28 day of this Instant august at two of ye clock in ye afternoon: and being So meet you make Choyce of a meet person Qualified according to Law: to RepreSent your Town in Generall Assembly to Sitt att portsmouth the and y^{t} you Certifie the person so Chosen to the assembly at the time abovesaid—for which this Shall be your Warrant—

Dated August 24: 1710—

[5-242] *Kingston Mens Names Sworn to K 9 2^{d}: 1727.*

Samll Judkins	Ichabod Clough	Eben^{r} ffellows
Nathll ffrench	Jonathan Sanborn	Joshua prescutt
Joseph Welch	Moses Sleeper	Elish winslow
Simon ffrench	Daniel Giles	John webstr
Joseph Elkins	Theop. Griffin	Eben^{r} Sleper
John young	William Long	philep Row
Sam^{ll} Webster	Ralph Blasdell	Isac Greeffen
John Gillman	Nathan Batchelder	Daniel Been
Sam^{ll} Tucker	Sam^{ll} Welch	Sam^{ll} Been
Eben^{r} Webster	Nathanaell Rundlet	Jonathan Lauerence
Ephraim Severens	John Lad	Jonathan Choatt
Nathan Prescot	Jeremy Webster	philip hunton
Luther Morgan	Benjam Choatt	Elish Swett
Phinehas Batchelder	Sam^{ll} Colcord	Daniell Gillman
Benj judkins	James prescutt	Sam^{ll} Robe
Saml Colcord	Ichabod Robe	Josiah bachelder
Phillip Moodey	John ffifield	Sam^{ll} ffifield
Richard Clifford	Joseph ffifield	william busell
Edward Eastman	Aaron Sleper	nath^{ll} ffrench Ju
John Webster jur	Joseph young	Mr Eben^{r} Colens
John Sweat	Daniell Lad	Thomas Corbin

Andrew Webster	Sam^{ll} Estmun	Benjamin Swett
Samll ffrench	Sam^{ll} stevens	abraham watson
Ephraim Elkins	David Quenbe	Sam^{ll} Sanburn
Daniell Young	Isac godfree	moses Rowell
Jonathan Webster	Jeremiah hubbard	thom^{s} Geoarg
Benj. Welch	Eben^{r} Estman	moses Elkens
Joseph Young	Jeddiah philbrock	Carneilas Clough

[5-243] [*Relative to Taxation by Massachusetts, 1731.*]

To his Excellencie Jonathan Belcher Esqr Capt Generall and Commander in Chief in and over his Maj^{ties} Province of New hampshire to the hon^{ble} the Councill, and house of Representatives Now Conven'd in Gen^{ll} Assembly

The humble Petition of Samuell Graves of Kingstown in newhampshire for himselfe and in Behalfe of the Proprietors of the Said Town of Kingstown Most humbly Sheweth—

That your Petitioner is an Inhabitant of the Said Town of Kingstown on part of that Town that Lyes Neare seventeen Miles Dew North from the River Now Caled Merrimack: Yet So it is that the People In habiting Havereill in the County of Essex in the Massachusets Bay pretending Right to the Soile where your Petitioner Liveth: (and alsoe to a Great part of the Said Town of Kingstown) which lyes Some five, Some ten Miles, and Som fifteen, Sixteen, or Seventeen Miles North from Said Merrimack: and the Goverment of the Masachusets assumes Jurisdiction over all the Dimentions affore Said: and hath Taken y^{r} Petetion^{r} by vertue of the writs and process out of the Courts of that County of Essex: and he hath been Detained in the County Goale in Ipswitch in Sd County of Essex above Seventeen Weeks—and Since Your Petitioner has at his Great Expence Discharged himselfe: yet Since y^{t} his Neighbour Jeremiah Clough that Joynes upon y^{r} Petitioners Land fifteen or Sixteen Miles to the North of the S^{d} River Merrimack: hath been taken by process out of the Courts belonging to the Said County of Essex: & there put In Goale and forc't to find pledges & suerties to Answer in the Courts of the Said County of Essex—

Notwithstanding the Said Courts Cannot pretend any Jurisdiction So far Northward of the Said River Merrimack and tho' your Petitioner Did Exhibit a Petition in his own and the afforesaid Cloughs Name to the Gen^{ll} ass^{m} of the Mass^{s} praying that they might have Some Relief. and that things might Rest till the Setlem^{t} of the lines: yet Could have no Redress—and was answered they would not Estop themselves unless this Province

would Do something first (or be tyed as well as them from any prosecution)—

Your humble Petitioner Most humbly prayes that your Excellcie, Councill & house of Representatives will In y^r Wisdom as Seems most meet proceed to Do Something that may put a Stop to any further proceedings untill Such Time as the Lines May be Setled—and your Petitioner Shall Ever pray

May the 4th 1731

Samuel Graves

[5-244] [*Petition of Inhabitants of the Easterly Part for a New Parish, 1738.*]

To his Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr Capt Gen^ll and Gover^n in Chief in and over his Majesties Province of New Hamps: in New England, And to the Honble his Majesties Council and Representatives in Gen^ll Court Assembled May ye 2^d 1738

The Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of Kingstown in the Easterly part thereof, In the Province afores^d Humbly Sheweth: That Whereas divine Providence (which Sets Bounds to all our habitations) hath placed us at a great Distance from the place of Publick worship up in Town And so rendered our attendance there very Difficult & often Impracticable for our families—This has put us upon Building a New Meeting House Among our Selves to Accommodate our women & Children as well as our Selves that we might More Conveniently attend the Publick worship of God And with more Ease & Comfort Enjoy the word & Ordinances and Means of Grace which are So Necessary to our Spiritual Edification and Eternal Salvation Upon which we being desirous to Maintain the worship of God among our Selves at our own Cost And Charge applyed our Selves to the Town to Set us off to be a Distinct Parish or Precinct from them But they not Duly ConSidering our Difficult Circumstances have unreasonably rejected our request; Wee therefore now humbly Apply our Selves to your Excellency and Hon^rs for relief And pray that this Honble Court would please to Consider and Compassionate our Difficult Case and Make us a Distinct Parish or precinct by fixing a Parish Line, or Polling off our persons & Estates who are Subscribers hereunto that we may be Discharged from paying to the Ministry or School in the other part of the Town and enjoy the Powers & Priviledges of a Distinct Parish by our Selves; We have paid our part of the Towns Extraordinary Charge in Building A New Meeting House, and Settling a new Minister,

& buying a Parsonage House & Land Among them; And they are Numerous And Sufficiently able to Carry on without us, It Seems then very unreasonable for them to deny us our request, and we have been at an Extraordinary Charge to Build A Meeting House and to procure preaching for Some time as well as to Maintain a School among our Selves at our own Cost. and hope God will Enable us Still to do it Cheerfully and prosper us in so good an Undertaking which tends so much to promote religion and the best good of our families & Children; And we pray that your Excellency and Hon^{rs} would in your great Wisdom and Goodness Encourage us in so good a design and Accordingly Grant our request

So Shall we as in duty Bound Ever pray &c

Benjamin French	John Clifford	Sam^{ll} Emons
Richard Cliffard	Andrew Webster	Ebenezer Sleeper
John Darling	Josiah Tilton	Ebenezer Collins
Joseph Grele	Isaac Godfrey	Orlando Bagly
Theophilus Griffen	Isaac Grefin	Ebenezer Webster
william Boynton	John Webster	Thomas Webster Junr
Joshua Prescut	Caleb Clough	John Clifford Junr
Jeremy Webster	Abraham Smith	Joseph Greele Junr
William Smith	Samuel Lock	Jonathan Blasdel
Nathan Bachelder	John Webster Ju^{r}	Daniel Rowell
Phinehas Bachelder	Joseph eastman	Enoch Blasdel
Jonathan Greele	theophiLus CLough	Samuel Tompson
Jeremiah Prescot	thomas eastman	Joseph Gould
Stephen Merrill	Ichabod Clough	Thomas Brown
Josiah Bachelder	Ebenezer fellows	William Whicher
Edward fifield	Edmund Titcomb	John Darling Junr
Benjamin Morrill	Philemon wells	Jacob Gale
Ebenezer Bachelder	James Tappin	

[It was set off and incorporated as Kingston East Parish, November 17, 1738.—Ed.]

[5-245] [*Petition for a Grant of Land, 1738.*]

To his Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esquire Commander in Chief in and over his Majesties Province of New Hampshire and to the Honourable his Majesties Council

The Humble Petition of us Inhabitants of Kingstown,—

Most Humbly sheweth,

That with Earnest desire of Enlarging the dominion of the Supreme of the English Territories; and to Accomodate our

Posterity under the most happy Administration on Earth: WE have exposed our Persons and Families Goods and Fortunes to the Ravage and Insults of a barbarous Enemy, and many of our dear Friends and Relatives have lost their Lives in the Enterprize, and Others undergone a long and Sore Captivity and some of them redeemed with vast Labour and difficulty and great Expence which has so impoverished many of us that We have been Obliged to sell much of our Lands to the Inhabitants of Other Towns in which distressing and Calamitous Wars we have been their Barrier, and thro' the unhappy Disputes arising between this and the adjacent Province much of our Lands has been Seized and Setled by the Inhabitants of the neighbouring Province which has caused Some of us Inhabitants great Tryalls and Perplexities in being harrassed with Uncomfortable & Chargeable Lawsuits;

On These and several other Motives we did humbly Request a Tract of Land near adjoining to Ammiskeeg Falls which has laid upon File near Fourteen Years, thro' the unsetled state of this Province in respect to the Line. WE Have been at the Charge of sending a Number of Men to view the Inland and to give us a plan of a suitable Tract of Land which may be indisputable and thro' the Guidance of Providence they have found such a spot between Winnepeseokke & Pemissewassett Rivers. WE Therefore humbly Request the favourable and Compassionate consideration of your Excellency and Honours in the Grant of a Township there of Ten miles square or of such other Dimensions and Quantity as in your Wisdom may seem meet, and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever Pray &c.—

Ebenezer Stevens
Jonathan Sanborn
Joseph Seecomb
Jedediah Philbrick
Simeon Brown
John Sweet Junr
Joseph Easeman
Ebenezer Easeman
Ebenezer Stevens Junr
Francis Batchelor
Peter Sanborn
Samuel Bean
Cornelius Clough
William Wicher
Benjamin Choate Junr
Joshua Woodman
Samuel Judkins
Samuel French
Jacob Morrill
William Buzwell
Theophilus Clough
Joseph Greele Junr
Benjamin French
Jonathan Greele
John Clark
Benjamin Judkins
Benjamin Stevens
Jonathan Young
Benjamin Sleeper
Joshua Webster
Moses Sleeper
Aaron Young
William Siloway
Joseph Young Junr
Joseph Clifford
John Clifford
Daniel Young
Nathaniel French
Benj^{a} Easeman
Samuel Easeman
Benj^{a} Adams
William Long
Philip Huntoon
Nath^{ll} Smith
Jonathan Sanborn Tert:
Abraham Sanborn
Jonathan Sanborn Junr
Jeremiah Hubbard
Samuel Huntoon
Joseph Bean Junr

Jonathan French	Joseph Fellows	Jonathan Choate
Thomas Elkins	John Hubbard	Benj[a] Wodley
Benjamin French Jun[r]	Nathan Sweet	Jacob Gilman
	John Fifield Jun[r]	Samuel Fifield
Benjamin Morrill	Elisha Winslo	Samuel Sleeper
Benjamin Ladd	Samuel Tucker	John Huntoon
Samuel Robey	Joseph Fifield	Tristram Sanborn Jun[r]
John Newton	Isaac Clifford	
Elisha Sweet	Samuel Colcord	Joseph Adams
Benjamin Stevens	Tristram Sanborn	Samuel Webster
Daniel Gilman	Benjamin Webster	Ebenezer Colcord

The whole number is 81 persons.

[5-246] [*Action of Town-Meeting, 1742.*]

At A Legal town meeting held by the Inhabetance and freeholders of kingston y[e] second day of march: 1741/2: 15 ly voted that sq. Ebe[r] Stevens Jedidah Philbrock & Jeremiah webster are Chosen a committe to bring forward the petition which is allready Laid before the governor & Councel by sd town of kingston or to prepare any other petition for sd town to the sd govrner & Councel This is a true Copey taken out of kingston book of Reackords as a test by me—

Tristram Sanborn town Clerk for kingston

[5-247] [*Petition for Lands, 1750.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq[r] Governour & Commander in chief in & over his Majestie's of New Hampshr[e] & To the Hon[bl] his Majestie's Council of s[d] Prov.

The Petition of Jedediah Philbrick of Kingston in said Province, Humbly Sheweth, as well on his own behalf as on the behalf of his Associates That your said Petitioner &c—have lived in a Frontier Town during some of the late Wars exposed to all the Dangers & Difficulties of such a Situation of which your Excellency & Honours we doubt not will be thoroughly sensible upon the bare mention without enumerating of them And we never yet having had any Grant of Lands made us as many of our Neighbours and fellow Subjects have had & we being desposed to cultivate & improve some of the wast Lands of this his Majestie's Province aforesaid Humbly hope & pray that y[r] Excellency & Honours would be pleased to grant to us & our Associates (a list of which is herewith humbly presented or such as your Excellency & Honours shall be pleased to join

with us) a Township to the Northward of & joining to No. 4 (so called) & bounding on the East side of Connecticut River and if we may not have it there we pray that it may be allotted us in some other place, commodious for a speedy settlement or elsewhere as your Excell^{y} & Hon^{rs} in your great Wisdom shall see meet and your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever Pray—

Kingston 10th Septr 1750—

Jedidiah Philbrick
tristram Sanborn
Elisha Sweett
will^{m} Busiel
Samuel fifield
John Young
Benjamin Stevens
Peter Sanborn
John fifield jun^{r}
Benjamin Sweett
thomas Eastman
Sam^{ll} webster
Natt^{ll} french
Benjamin french jun^{r}
Obediah Clough
Benjamin Sanborn
Joseph fellows
Epheraim Seaverance jun^{r}
Benjamin Choat jun^{r}
Joseph Greely
Natt^{ll} Hunton
Daniel Gillman
John webster jun^{r}
Joseph Elkins
Jonathan Choat
Eben^{r} webster
Elisha winslow
Eben^{r} Long
Sam^{ll} Robey
Jeremiah Philbrick
Edward Sleeper
Joseph Secombe
Peter Coffin
Benjamin webster
Joshua webster
william Calfe
Joshua woodman
Eben^{r} Bachilder
Isaac Smith
Abraham Green
Joshua Brown
Joseph Greely Junr
Hezekiah Young
Joseph Eastman Junr
Eben^{r} Paige
Daniel Brown
Nathan Bachilder
Benjamin Morril
Eben^{r} Collins
Daniel Clough—

[5-250] [*Action of Town relative to Roads, 1755.*]

Kingston march 24th 1755

1^{ly} Decon Elisha Sweet was chosen moderator

2^{ly} voted that we will prefer a Pettison to the Generall Court for Liberty to sell that Grant of a high way between m^{r} John fields Land and m^{r} Stephen Gillmans Land

a true Copey taken out of Kingston Book
Eben^{r} Stevens town Clark

1^{ly} at a lagel Commoners meetin held march ye 24th 1755
Decon Elisha Sweet was Chosen moderator for s^{d} meeting

2^{ly} voted that we will prefar a Pettison to the Generall Court for to Exchang the high way that was laid out in the West part of the town for a nother way in a mor Conveniant place whear the town has purchased it

A true Coppey taken out of Kingston Book of Record
attest—Eben^{r} Stevens town Cleark

[5-252] [*Petition relative to a Road, 1755.*]

Province of New Hamps:

To his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq. & Governr in & over his Majesties Province of New Hamps; And to the Honble his Majesties Council, And House of Representatives in Genll Court Assembled—

The Petition of the Subscribers Select men for the Town of Kingstown in sd Province Humbly Sheweth—That whereas there was a High way formerly laid out by the Inhabitants of our Town of Kingstown to Accommodate the Inhabitants of London Derry & people above, to come down through our sd Town to Portsmouth &c which sd way now it coms to be wanted is found to be very bad ground for A High way in part of it viz: from the Westerly end of the Two Hundred Acre Grants (so Called) in sd Town to the Rode going by Lieut James Graves's & exceedingly prejudicial to private men by Cutting their Land very much in pieces & also go over a burying place which the Inhabitants have made & already laid their Dead; wherefore your Petitioners have been & view'd & have found & purchas'd a far more Convenient way in all respects viz: it being much better ground for a High Way viz: much easier made & much Easier & Cheaper kept in Repair and much Cheaper purchased & far less prejudicial to private persons in regard to their Lands, & shorter & so nearer for Travellers: to go from sd James Graves's to the sd end of the Two Hundred Acre Grants; wherefore your Excellency & Honrs Petitioners Humbly prays that your Excellency & Honrs would be pleasd to Consider our Case & Abrogate & make Null & void the sd way in that part of it viz: from sd Graves's Rods to the sd West end of the sd Two Hundred Acre Grants, And by your Excellencys & Honrs Comtee or otherways as your Excellency & Honrs shall in your wisdom Se meet lay out confirm & establish the forementioned New way Looked out & viewed as aforesd & so your Excellency & Honrs Petitioners shall as in duty bound ever pray &c—

Kingstown March the 31st day 1755

Samll Winslo } Select men
Samuel fifield } for
Elisha Sweet } Kingstown

[In H. of Rep. the matter was referred to a committee, who reported as follows:—Ed.]

[5-249]

Kingston the 15th of april 1755

Province of New Hampshier

by order of the General assembley, we have Enquired and

examined into the Subject Matter of the two Petitions Prefer[d] by the Select men of Kingston, and are of Opinion that the Praier of the Pittioners Should be Granted, Saving a Spring or Place of water in the westerly Ende of that high Way Laid to the Spring Medow, which Spring with Land adjoyning of Said way not Less then four Rods wide, be Left open to the high-way or Cuntrey Road which Leads throw the Town—which is—Humbly Submitted by us the Subscribours.

John Macmurphy } Committee
John Paige }

[The foregoing request was granted, and an act passed in accordance therewith.—Ed.]

[5-253] [*Petition for Encouragement to Manufacture Salt, 1776.*]

To the Honourable the Council, and House of Representatives of The state of Newhampshire

The petition of Ebenezer Griffing of Kingstown in the County of Rockingham in said state Humbly sheweth

That the Great Scarcity of the Necessary
Article of salt and the Difficulty of procuring in the Usual way by
Importation, has induced your petitioner to be at Considerable
Expence in Order to Erect works for Making the same from sea water
That if proper Encouragement is Given he has Reason to think that
He shall in a short time be Able to procure Large Quantities that way
That the Erecting proper works for that purpose will be Attended
With Very Considerable Cost and Expence And as the
Manufacturing that Very Necessary Article will be of Very Great
Advantage to the publick, He humbly prays that your honors will
Take the Matter into your Consideration and Grant him such
Encouragement as to you in your wisdom shall think fit—
And as in Duty Bound shall Ever pray &c.

Ebenezer Griffing.

[He erected works for the manufacture of salt, as may be seen by the following document:—ED.]

[5-254] [*Petition for a Lottery, 1777.*]

To The Honb^le The General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire Humbly Shew—

Ebenezer Griffing of Kingston in said State, hath, at his own Cost, and Charge, erected, Salt Works: within this State, as well for the Publick, as, his own particular Benefit—being moved, thereto, from the Present—and future prospect of the great Scarcity, of the Valuable and very necessary Article Salt —on Reflection, he finds his Works Insufficient to make a Quantity barely sufficient to Supply the Wants of his Vicinity —the Uncommon Demand of Salt throughout this State being such as strongly urges your Petitioner to make further Trials (in the Art of Salt making) he haveing allready by Labour and enquiry made good progress therein) to Effect which he finds he must make further Additions which must be Attended with great Cost too much for him Individualy to hazard. that Salt is absolutely necessary for Publick and Private Use that it is now uncommonly Scarce and the Demand therfor daily increaseth—and that there is no Present prospect of Supplys from the former Resources are facts notorious to your Honours your Petitioner Therefore prays your Honours to take Under Consideration the Subject matter of this Petition & if Consistent—grant him Power to form and Accomplish a Lottery under the Immediate Inspection & Direction of the Honble General Assembly of this State for the Sole purpose of Assisting him in his Endeavours of Increasing the Quantity of Salt Sufficient for the Demands of the Publick & your Petitioner as in Duty Bound Shall pray

June 26th 1777—

Ebenezer Griffing

[R. 2-148] [*John Prescott, Soldier, 1753.*]

[Joshua Prescott petitioned for an allowance to pay for nursing and doctoring his son John, who was a soldier at Louisbourg, was taken sick, and died soon after his return home. He further stated that he (Joshua) was 65 years old, and not able to pay said bills. The petition was "Dismissed."—ED.]

[R. 2–149] [*Abstracts from Petitions of French War Soldiers.*]

[John Blaisdell and Samuel Fifield, of Kingston, stated that they were in Col. Meserve's regiment, in the Crown Point expedition, 1756. In another petition (R. 2–150) Samuel Fifield stated that he "was ordered by Col° Meserve to stay at Albany Flatts to take care of two sick soldiers viz Waldron Smith of Brentwood, & John Blasdell of s^d^ Kingstown," and did not get home untill January 19, 1757. He was allowed £9 new tenor. (R. 2–154) John Eastman, of Kingston, stated that he was in Capt. Trueworthy Ladd's company, Col. John Hart's regiment; had his gun taken from him at "AlBiny," for which he wanted pay. His petition was dismissed. (R. 2–155) Iddo Webster, of Kingston, stated that he belonged to same campany and regiment; had his gun stolen on the way home, and also put his elbow out of joint, and asked for an allowance. January 29, 1760, dismissed. (R. 2–156) Josiah Judkins, of Kingston, stated in a petition dated May 7, 1759, that he had an apprentice named Richard Tucker in same company and regiment. who was sick on his way home, and was put to extraordinary expense in consequence, which he wanted allowed. Ordered "to lay." (R. 2–157) Benjamin Sweat, Jr., in a petition dated March 19, 1760, stated that he was in Capt. Jacob Bayley's company, Col. Lovewell's regiment, in the spring of 1759; marched to Dunstable, and from there to Leicester, Mass., where he was taken lame, and left. "And when Capt Bayley Came to Pay off the Men under his Command, I went to him to see if he had Money for Me, and he Shew^d^ Me that against my Name Was only Syphers." He was allowed 36 shillings sterling. (R. 2–159) John, son of Jonathan Webster, was in the service at Fort Edward in 1759. (R. 2–162) David, son of Asa Flanders, served in the Crown Point expedition in 1756. (R. 2–163) Samuel Webster stated that his son Barnum was in the Canada expedition, and died coming home from Fort Edward in 1758. Also, his son David "was in mager tashes Regment at number fore and died their" in 1757.—ED.]

[R. 2–164] [*Capt. Samuel Fifield's Certificate, 1762.*]

This may Sartifie Home It may Consarn that Jonathan Bede Hath Paid an Equeal Perposion in Suporting the war in my

Compeny with other Solders Since this Present ware—this from your Humbel Servent—

Samuel fifield Cap[t]

Kingston august the 23[d] 1762

[Jonathan Beede belonged to the Quakers.—ED.]

[R. 2–165] [*Petition of John Dent, Soldier, 1759: addressed to the General Court.*]

The Petition of John Dent of Kingstown in the Province aforesaid—Humbly Shews—That your Petitioner having been for more than seven years in the service of his King & Country as a Soldier: particularly in the last years Campaign after the Reduction of Louisbourg & Territories &c (your Petitioner being a Ranger in Cap[t] William Starks Company) which with others was sent up S[t] John's River in the Province of Nova Scotia where by hard & Incessant Labour (in January the very dead of winter) in wet & cold; being obliged to work, in water, snow, & Ice, & extream cold; and when Nights come on; then to Lodge between the Heavens & the Earth; and besides this; had not a Sufficiency of the Common & Necessary supports of life &c—which exceeding Difficultys bro't upon your poor Petitioner such sore disorders & diseases of Body as caused a long & tedious sickness which at length fell into his feet; for which both of his feet have been cut off & yet they are not healed; and in this distressed state your petitioner was obliged to spend all his wages: which was all his substance for Chirurgery; & other Necessaries; and now tho' through Gods Rich Mercy & goodness to your petitioner he is escaped (thus far) with his life & got to his Native Town yet being without estate, & is ever entirely Incapacitated for Labor and so is now (even if he should get well) in a very distressed state & condition and inasmuch as this evil came upon this unhappy creature; by hardships endured in the service of his King & defence of his Country; he Humbly cries unto this Court praying for an Interest in their compassion; Intreating that something may be allotted to him that may at least in some measure contribute to his support & subsistance while he may exist in the present state; and so your poor & distressed Petitioner shall as in Duty Bound ever pray &c

John Dent

Kingstown June the 13th day 1759

Voted, dismissed Octob[r] 12th 1759

[R. 2-166] [*Petition of Paul Pressey, Soldier, 1759: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

The Humble Petition of Paul Pressey of Kingston in said Province—Shews That your Petitioner was an enlisted soldier in this province Service in the year 1758, under the Command of Capt Trueworthy Ladd, of Col^{o} John Hart Esqr Regim^{t} for the Reduction of Canada, who proceed^{d} & went in said Service as far as any of the Regim^{t}, But so it was that on the 28th of July 1758, the Enemy Cutt off a number of Teems, & Killed many of the soldiers, & women &c, that Convey^{d} them, & your Petitioner with a Large number of this province Troops, were ordered by their sup^{r} officer to march Immediately to their relief & did, & In the Fight there your petitioner had the misfortune to be shot by an Indian in the Left Breast, the bullet Log^{s} in the back part of his shoulder, was afterward Cut out by Doc^{r} Clark. * * * * & when your petitioner was one hundred & fifty miles from home was obliged to sell his shoes off his feet for sustenance In order to get home. * *

Paul Pressey

[R. 2-167] [*Certificate relative to foregoing.*]

To the Honorabile Gentelman of the House of Repreizentives of the Province of Newhampshir this is to Inform your Honours What We the Subscribers Know Concerning Mr Paul Pressey Sence he Came Home from the Lake the said Pressey was not able to Do any work of any Valy till a Bout the first of December 1758 and after that he was often Complaining of his Shoulder as he was Shuing of oxen for Sume of us and other times he was Saing that his wound hurt him in his Labour

Dated att Kingston march ye 12th 1759—

Jeremiah Hubbard	Jonathan French	Ephraim Paige
Joshua Webster	Juner	Joseph Worth
Dyer Hook	Daniel Brown	Caleb towl
Jonathan French	John Paige	Caleb towl Junr
Humphrey Hook	Jonathan Harvey	Aaron Quimby

[Dr. John Kittredge, of Andover, Mass., testifies to having taken care of his wound. He asked for relief, and was allowed £8 sterling.—Ed.]

[R. 2-168] [*Jeremiah Bartlett's Petition, 1778.*]

[In a petition, dated "Kingstown April 2^{d} 1778," Jeremiah Bartlett stated that he was "a soldier in the company

commanded by Capt Ezra Currier, in Col° Abraham Drake's Regiment, that marched from this State Last fall and joined the northern Army near Stillwater." He further stated that he was taken with a fever near Fishkill, and wanted pay for his expences in getting home, etc. He was allowed £60. —ED.]

[R. 2-169] [*Soldiers' Orders.*]

Kingstown January 24, 1778

Please to pay to Samuel Peirson or Order all the pay due to me for my Rations as an Adj^t in Col° Drakes Reg^t from Sep^t 8 to this day for which his receipt shall be your Discharge & you'll oblige yours &c

pr. Nathl Bacheller

[Thomas Severance, of the First Regiment, orders what is due him to be paid to John Nicolle. Witnesses, Jona. Blake and Samuel Favour.

Christopher Challis, of the Second Regiment, orders his wages to be paid to same. Witness, Jeremiah Graves.—ED.]

[R. 2-173] [*Petition of Sarah Hobart, 1797.*]

[In a petition, dated Kingston, November 20, 1797, Sarah Hobart, "late widow of Col Windborn Adams," who was killed at Stillwater, September 19, 1777, asked to have some interest, which she claimed to be due her, allowed and paid. —ED.]

[5-255] [*Relative to the Militia, 1784.*]

To his Excellency the President and the Honble Executive Council of the State of New hampshire—your Petitioners Humbly Shew—

That the Legaslative of this State at their Last Session Thought Proper to take off from the Seventh Regiment of militia in this State (Commonly Called Kingstown Regiment) the Southwesterly part thereof (viz) Salem, Plaistow, Hampstead, Atkinson, & Sandown, and Erect them into a Distinct and Seperrate Regiment, and have added to the other Part of Said

Seventh Regiment the Town of South Hampton taken from the third Regiment, That in aranging the Said Regiments the South westerly Regiment altho' the youngest part of Said Seventh Regiment are by Some mistake allowed the Rank of the Seventh Regiment while the oldest Part of the Said Seventh Regiment is Reduced to the Twentieth, Your Petitioners are of oppinion the Said arrangment was made in haste and without properly Considering of the Same, and make no Doubt that when the matter is Properly Laid before the Legislature at their Next Session that the mistake will be Rectified, We therefore Pray your Excellency and Honours to Pospone the giving out any military Commitions in Either of Said Regiments till after the next meeting of the Legislature when we Expect the mistake will be amended or otherwise we are apprehensive Very great Difficulties will Ensue—and your Petitioners as in Duty bound will Ever Pray &c.

Kingstown Novr 16th 1784.

John French	Joseph Calef Ju	Richard Collins
John CleffarD fifield	Joseph Calf	Samuel Sargent
Peter Fifield	Jacob Webster	moses Woodman
William Sanborn	Jonathan Sanborn	Dudly Kinrick
Peter Sanborn	Samuel Favour	Jonathan French 4
Peter Sanborn jun^{r}	Nathaniel Darbon	Jonathan French Juner
Jacob Hook	Benjamin Webs^{t} Sullaway	Jethro Sanborn
John Hunton	Calab Sever	Thomas Page
Abraham French	Stephen Stuart	Jedediah Philbrick
Jon^{a} Blake	Jonathan Collins	Peter Elkins
John Eastman	Jonathan Severance	Joseph Elkins
Amos Gale	John Davis	Elisha Bachelder
Thomas Elkins	Daniel Quimby	David Tilton
Joseph Woodman	Samuel Huse	Humphry Hook
John Judkins	Phines Davis	Jonathan Heath
Joseph Judkins	Stephn Badger	Israel Hook
David Sanborn	John Tucker	Jonathan french
Henry Judkins	Aaron Quimby	Jonathan french 3rd
Ebenezer Lang	Samuel Quimby	Caleb Towle
Ebenezer Griffing	Benjamin Quimby	James Towle
Eben^{r} stevens	David Quimby	John Kent
John Lad	Joseph Williams	Henery Dearbon
Ebeneser proctere	Peter Sweat	Reuben True Jr
Daniel Colcord	Isrel Dimond	Daniel True
Moses Huntoon	Enos Colbey	Seth. Bartlett
Jacob Foot	Hezekiah Blake	George Bartlett
Nathaniel garland	Elias Buriel	Jeremiah Bean
Joseph Tucker	Nathanael Morrill	Jonathan Sanborn
William Patten		

John Singleton
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Aaron Hunton
Benj^{a} Cooper
Jonathan sanborn Junr
John quemby Sanborn
Samuel Stevens 3^{d}
Nathan Sweat
Solomon Wheeler
Henry Morrill
Israel Dimond juner
Samuel Plummer
David flanders
Jonathan Jones
Samuel Eastmen
Benjamen Eastman
Jabez Eaton
Joseph true Eaton
Nathaniel Brown
Stephen Eastmen
Asa flanders
Benjamin Collins Juer
John Challis
Jonathan Sanborn jun^{r}
Peter Emerson
Phinehas Bachalder
Reuben True
Jon^{a} Procter
Jeremiah Elkins
Thomas Elkins
Henery french
Joseph Homan
Samuel Calef
Isaac Clefford
Caleb long
Ebenezer Stevens 3rd
Peter Abbot

[5–256] [*Another concerning Militia, 1785.*]

To the Honourable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Assembly Convened at Concord the 9th day of Feby 1785.

The Petition of the Subscribers humbly shew that in the last session of the General Assembly, among other alterations and arrangements of the regiments of Militia in this State, they thought proper to take off the Town of Southhampton from the Third Regiment commonly called Hampton Regiment, and annex it to the seventh commonly called Kingstown Regiment, and then to devide the last mentioned regiment into Two seperate & Distinct regiments; that with great Differance to the opinion of the Legislature your petitioners humbly conceive, that the devision of said regiment might be made in a different manner to more advantage, and beg leave to request that it may be taken up again and altered if it shall seem proper to your Honours—that in giving Rank to the said two Reg^{ts} the southwesterly regiment, by much the youngest part of the said Seventh Regiment, is allowed the Rank of the Seventh Regiment, while the Northeasterly regiment by much the oldest part of said seventh Regiment, is reduced to the twentieth—that the Town of Kingstown is the first Chartered town in the State, and was first settled after the four old towns, as they are called, viz Portsmouth, Dover, Hampton, & Exeter; and your petitioners can conceive of no good reason why the said town, togather with the two parishes thereof viz East Kingston & Hawke which make up the greatest part of the said Northeast regiment, should be degraded from their former rank to which they are so Justly intitled by age, and which they

have not forfeited by any misconduct as they humbly Conceive.—

That at the time the arrangement was made, we are informed that the two Representatives from the said Northeasterly regiment were both necessarily absent from Court, and so had not an opportunity of laying the matter properly before them, which we conceive is the reason that the arrangement passed as it did, as we have too high an opinion of the wisdom & justice of the Legislature of the State, than to suppose that it would have been passed in the manner it was, had the matter been properly laid before them :—

We therefore pray that your Honours will be pleased to take the matter of this petition into your wise Consideration, and if it shall seem to you proper, make some alteration in the lines Deviding the said former Regiment; And that you will be pleased to restore to the Northeasterly regiment their former rank of the seventh regiment, to which we humbly conceive they are justly intitled; And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Josiah Bartlett
Thomas Elkins
John Hunton
Willm Henderson
Moses Huntoon
Ebenezer Giffing
Joseph Tucker
John Lad
John Singleton
Daniel Colcord
William Clifford
Sam^{ll} Sanborn
Jo^{s} Williams
Gideon George
John Wheeler
Thomas Elkins Junr
Henry French
Jon^{a} Proctor
Joshua Hill
Willm Sweat
James Carruth
Samuel Fifield
Francis Hubbard
Jacob Foot
Jacob Hook
Benjamin Stevens
Samuel Calef
Eli Hunton

Philip Tilton
Andrew Greeley
Enoch Greeley
Jeames gale
Nathl Greeley
william Smith
John Sanborn
Jonathan Clough
John Emons
Benjamin Thompson
Ebenezer Fifield
Richard Smith
Nathan Bachellor
Caleb Webster
Nathl Bachellor
John Currier
Malach Davis
Andrew mace
Jeremiah Currier
Abner Morss
Ezra Currier
Jacob Gale
Henry Gale
Jacob Rowell
Philip Morill
John Samborn
William Patten

Jabez Eaton
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Asa flanders
Stephen Eastmen
Joseph true Eaton
Nathaniel Brown
Elias Burisel
Henry Morrill
Nathanael Morrill
Willum Gorg
Hezekiah Blake
John Chalies
Joseph Colins Juner
Edward Brown
Jonathan Blake
Israel Dimond
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Peter Sweat
Jonathan Houlton
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Samuel fellows
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Benjamin Loverin
William Proctor
Charles Chase
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John George
Jon[a] Blake
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Edward Greeley
John Clefford fifield
Abraham French
John Judkins
Richard Sleeper
Joseph Woodman
Peter Sanborn
Benjamin Sleeper
Benjamin Sleeper Junr
Rezia Beede
Daniel Bacheller
Benjamin Magoon
Simon Magoon
Daniel Smith
Daniel Smith Junr
William Sanborn
Benjamin Sanborn
Noah Sanborn
Peter Fifield
Amos Judkins
Robert S. French
Jacob Ordway
David Tilton
Richard Tilton

Peter Abbot
Nathaniel Darbon
Beniemen Webster
Jacob Webster
Natha[ll] Fellows
Ephr[m] Severance
Stephen Badger
Jonathan Sanborn
Samuel Severance
Edward Sleeper
Jonathan Sleeper
William Collins
Phinias Davis
John Sleeper
John Stevens
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Jacob Peaslee
Daniel wodley
Greely Sillaway
Jem Webster
benjamin hubbard
Thomas Sever
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Elisha Sever
Gideon Webster
Amos Burman
James Noyes
Jonathan Pollard
Calab Sever
Philip Davis
webster Davis
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Thomas Severance
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John Sweat
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Joseph willams
Samuel moulten
Josiah Tuxbury
Sanborn Blake
Richard Collans
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Daniel Quimby
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Joseph fellows
Jonathan fellows
Israel Hook
John Kent
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David Bachelor
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Jethro Sanborn
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Josiah Tilton
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John true
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John Tappan
James Tappan
Josiah Bachelder
Benja. Remick
Daniel Tilton
Nathaniel Tilton
Humphrey Flood
thomas Colby
John Stevens iu
Thomas Bootman
Henery Hunt
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Moses Hunt
Stephen Stuart
Sam^{ll} Stuart
Moses Welsh
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Ezek Challis
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Jacob Eastmen
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Gideon Sawyer
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Reuben Sawyer
Joseph Elkins
George Bartlett
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Jonathan Heath
Thos Page
Simon Page
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Jonathan French the 3
Humphry Hook
Humphry Hook jun^{r}
Sam^{ll} waite
Caleb Towle
David Flanders

[5-257] [*Certificate of Nails made in 1791.*]

State of New Hampshire Rockingham ss

Kingstown Octr 3^{d} 1791

This may Certifie that it appears to us the subscribers That John Phillbrick of this Town has Really & Bonafidely made in his black smiths shop in said Town since the seventh Day of February 1789 One Hundred & Nine Thousand well wrought tenpenny Nails & also Twenty eight Thousand & eight Hundred sixpenny Nails

Abraham French } Selectmen of
Simmons Secombe } Kingstown

Kingstown oct^{r} 3^{d} 1791 This may Certifie that I have no Doubt but that the said Philbrick Really & bonafide made the Nails mentioned in the Above Certificate—

Simmons Secombe Justice of peace

Oct^{o} 7 1791

Received an Order on the Treasurer for five pounds

John Philbrick

LANCASTER.

This township was granted July 5, 1763, to David Page and others, and named for a town in Massachusetts. The following September, David Page, Jr., and Emmons Stockwell cut a path through from Haverhill to the township, built a camp, and wintered there; and in 1764, the senior Page and his family, with Edwards Bucknam, and others, moved in and commenced settlements. The conditions of the grant, however, were not fully complied with, and on the 20th of September, 1769, an extension was granted. Indian depredations during the Revolutionary war caused most of the inhabitants to leave: others came when peace was restored, so that the town contained twenty-four families in 1787.

By an act approved June 22, 1819, the tract of land known as Barker's Location was annexed to Lancaster. This was a tract of 3,020 acres, which was granted to Capt. Joshua Barker, Oct. 21, 1773, for service in the French war.

The farm of E. Winchester was severed from Stark and annexed to this town Dec. 4, 1840.

Lancaster was still further enlarged by the annexation of a portion of Kilkenny, Dec. 15, 1842. It is now one of the most flourishing towns in the northern part of the state.

[6-6] [*Petition of David Page for more Land, 1773.*]

Province of New Hampsh:

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captain General, Governor & Commander in Chief & to the Honble His Majesty's Council of said Province—

That your petitioner having been at great trouble & Expence in first attempting & since prosecuting the settlements at Upper Coho'os on Connecticut River which then was forty Miles distant from any other settlement, and that with incredible fatigue he has often travelled that wilderness Country back & forth to bring on his own with several other Familys having five of his own Children married & settled about him who have made considerable progress — besides frequently assisting others to explore the New Roads—by which means his small stock & substance is almost exhausted & himself impoverished in his old Age—He prays your Excellency & Honors Consideration

that for his Assistance & Releif in his present Difficultys—he may be favourd with a Grant of some vacant Tract of Land if to be found in that part of the Country, as to Your Excellency & Honours may seem meet, and your petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray, &c. &c.

David page

Portsmouth 22d Jan 7 1773—

[6–5½] [*Relative to Representative, 1775.*]

To the Honarabel Provincial Congress conveaned at Exeter Dec. 20, A D 1775.—

Respected Gentlemen—we would take this opportunity to inform your Honorable House That the nine Towns in the upper Cohos have not complied with the precept of the last Congress issued to them for the election of a Representation the reasons of which conduct are these—first, the neady circumstances of the peple render it impossible for them to be at the expence of supporting one

2 the distance of the inhabitance and difficulty of communacation is so greate that it prevented a general attendance in the meeting for to chuse a representative we write to your honorable house as individuals but at the same time as being well acquainted with the minds of the people it is their universal desire not to be taxed to defray aney Expence of delegates maintaing this principel that their ought to be no taxation without representation we are with the highest respect for your house much respected Gentlemen your most obedient humble servants

David Page } Selectmen for The town of Lancarster

Lancarstar Decr 14th 1775

James Brown } Select men for The town of Stratford

Josiah Walker

inhabitant of Stratford—

[6–7] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire Grafton ss:—

Lancaster, Decm 2d 1783

The Number of all the male Poles from twenty one years old

and upwards in the town of Lancaster that pays taxes for themselves—

Number—10—men which is the exact Number taken by us

Edw^{ds} Bucknam } Select
Emmons Stockwell } men

Northumberland 2^{d} Decr 1783

Then the above named Edwards Bucknam & Emmons Stokwell personally appearing made Oath to the above Account

Before me—Jer^{h} Eames Justic Peace

[6–8] [*Petition of Col. Bucknam for the Grant of a Ferry, 1784.*]

To the Honble the General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire

The Petition of Edwards Bucknam of Lancaster in the County of Grafton in Said State Humbly Sheweth that there are Catteracts or falls in the River Connecticut adjoining Northumberland in Said County convenient for Building Mills and for keeping a ferry Boat

Your Petitioner is Now Actually erecting a Set of Mills both for Sawing and Grinding on the Said falls

Therefore prays that the Honble Court would be pleased to Grant and Convey unto him his heirs and Assigns the priviledge of using and improving the Earth and waters between the Eastwardly and Westwardly Banks of Said River in width; and in length the Distance of one Mile each way from the center of Said falls

And your Petitioner will pray

Edw^{ds} Bucknam

Lancaster oc^{t} 8th 1784

[The request in foregoing petition was granted in 1786. —Ed.]

[6–9] [*Petition for Authority to tax Non-Residents, 1787.*]

To the Honourable the senate and the Honble House of Representatives in General Assembly convened on the second wednesday in September A, D, 1787—

The Petition of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Grafton humbly Sheweth

That the inhabitants of said Town labour under many and

great inconveniances, and without that succour and releif which every infant Country expects from the Government to which she owes her allegiance, they must remain in but very indigant circumstances; and the state not receive that emolument, that it might justly expect from a Country so fertile as this, when properly peopled. Nothing more effectually hinders the emigration of inhabitants to this part of the state, than the badness of our roads, and the want of a conveniant place to worship that being, to whom all owe their existance. The formation of the town being very peculiar, on account of marshes creeks and large streams and the number of inhabitants being but very small; consequantly the expence of making and mending roads, building bridges meeting house &c must be very great—

One large stream, known by the name of Israels river, is so formidable where it must be bridged, to accomodate the travel up and down Connecticut river and likewise the travel to and from Portsmouth, (our most advantageous port) that it must cost, at a moderate Computation two hundred pounds. The inhabitants have solicited the nonresidant land owners, for assistance (many of whom live out of the state,) but they have entirely refused,—

Your petitioners are therefore, necessitated to pray your honours to pass an act empowering the selectmen of said Lancaster to levey, and Collect a tax of three pence on each acre of land (Publick Rights excepted) for the purpose of making roads building bridges meeting house &c, &c. and a continuation of one penny on the acre, annually for the term of five Years, to be appropriated to the aforesaid purposes. And that the prayer of your petitioners be granted, or such assistance or directions be given, as Your honours may see fit; your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

Lancaster ye 4th September 1787

per order of the Town { Jonas Wilder, Edw^ds Bucknam, Emmens Stockwell } Committee

[The foregoing petition was granted.—Ed.]

[6–10] [*Petition relative to Roads, 1788.*]

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives for the State of New hampshire (humbly Sheweth) The Inhabitants of A Place Called Uper Coos That they began Setelment at that Place mor than twentithree Years ago and Ever Since have Continued their Setelment through many Dificulties

Especialy on account of the Badness of the Roads through Littleton and Dalton which have never been properly Cleared nor bridged by which means wagons or Sleighs pass with the greatest Danger and never more than half a Load which Subjects the Inhabitants of Said Coos to very Large Expence in transporting necessary foreign articles and others in Removing with their famileys and Efects from Connecticut Massachuesetts and the Easterly part of New-Hampshire to the Same Dificulties which very much Impedes & hinders the Setelment of the Towns on Connecticut River &c Lying above S^{d} Littleton & Dalton Your Petitioners beg Leave to farther Sugjest that the Townships of Littleton and Dalton being owned by only a few Gentelmen and the Towns not Vested with Power nor the Inhabitants of ability to Lay out Clear bridge and Make Passable Said Road through which Your Petitioners must Pass on any Business belonging to the Probate, or County Matters, Wherefore your Petitioners Pray Your Honors to take their Case into Your wise Consideration and order that the Road be made Pasable and keept in good Repair through Said Towns of Littilton & Dalton to the acceptance a Commitee to be appointed for that Purpose or by Some other way as Your Honors Shall See fit and Your Petitioners Will Ever Pray

May 10th 1788

Inhabitants of Lancaster

Jonas Wilder	Francis Willson	David Page
Aamasa Grout	John Weeks	Emons Stockwell
Jonas Baker	Abijah Darby	Ephraim Griggs
Joseph Brackett	Walter Philbrook	Willm Johnson
Edw^{ds} Bucknam	Samuel Johnson	Jonathan Hartwell
Phinehas Hodgin	Hopestill Jenison	

Northumberland

Jer^{h} Eames Ju^{r}	Abner osgood	Abel Bennett
Thos Eames	J. Whipple	thomas Burnside
Joseph Peverly	Daniel Spaulding	James Burnside

Stratford

Hez^{i} Fuller	Archippus Blodget	Josiah Blodget
David Jnoson	Jabez Baldwin	James Brown
Heth Baldwin	Elijah Blodget	Nucomb Blodget
Elijah Hinman	Oliver Lamkin	Benjn Strong
Joshua Lamken	James Curtiss	William Curtiss

Piercy

John Cole	Caleb Smith

[6–11] [*Relative to the Formation of Coös County, 1790.*]

To the Honourable senate and house of Representatives of the state of Newhampshire to be convened a Concord on the first wednesday in Jany next,

The petition of the select Men of the towns of Lancaster Northumberland and Stratford, for and in behalf of the respective towns, Humbly Sheweth; That our located situation in the northern part of the state is such, that it will be perticularly beneficial for us, to have Conway and adjacent towns annexed to us, in the formation of the northerly County in s^d state, not only on account of the occupancy and improvement of our most advantageous road to seaport, but in order to promote emigrants, and agriculture in this fertile & healthy territory; the promotion of which, we humbly conceive will be of publick utility and the state to which we owe our allegiance, will receive emolument in proportion to the opulency of this part of the state—And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray—

Lancaster Decr 29th 1790

Edw^ds Bucknam Emmons Stockwell Francis Willson Joseph Peverly Jer^m Eames Elijah Hinman James Brown	Select Men for Northumberland Lancaster and Stratford

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[6–12] [*Petition for a New County, 1791.*]

To the Honorable the General Court of the State of New Hampshire—

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Lancaster in the County of Grafton

Humbly Sheweth

That Your Petitioners live at the distance of near sixty miles from the nearest shire Town in this County

That a very considerable part of the Inhabitants of this part of the County live above us and are under similar disadvantages with us,

That the Roads to Haverhill our nearest shire Town are exceeding bad and at some seasons of the year unpassable,

Wherefore we your petitioners pray that we may be seperated from the said County of Grafton and made a new County by a

line drawn from Conecticut River between the Towns of Concord alias Gunthwait and Littleton and on Eastward taking in the Towns of Conway Eaton &c to the Province line so call'd and we as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Lancaster Novr 22nd 1791.

Edw^{ds} Bucknam	John Weeks	Bradfor Sanderson
William Bruce	Jon^{a} Hartwell	Zadock Samson
Stephen Willson	Nathan Lovewell	Jonathan ros
Jeremiah Willcox	Joseph Wilder	Daniel How
Emmens Stockwell	Samuel Johnson	David Stockwell
Robert Gotam	Dennis Stanley	Daniel Chany
Francis Willson	Isaac Darby	John Wilder
Joseph Bruce	Phinehas Bruce	Jonas Wilder
Jonas Wilder junur	Elisha Wilder	Manassah Wilder
Asaph Darby	John Rosbrook	Charles Rosbrook
Jonas Baker	Ezra Reves	David Page
Jonathan Cram	Benj^{a} Twombly	James Twombly
Edward Spaulding	Walter Philbrook	Coffin Moore
Willm Moore	Moses Page	Phinehas Hodgdon
Joseph Brackett	John Mackintire	William Johnson
Ephraim Wilder	Abijah Darby	

[Coös county was formed in 1803.—Ed.]

[6–13] [*Petition to have the Right of Ferries vested in the Town, 1792.*]

State of New Hampshire

Lancaster ye 30th May 1792

To the Honble Genl Court to be holden at Dover in said State on the first Wednesday of June 1792—

Humbly Sheweth the Selectmen of Lancaster in behalf of said Town, that there is a necessity for keeping ferries a cross the River Connecticut from Lancaster to Guildhall & Lunenburgh in Vermont—They therefore pray your Honors to grant to the said Town of Lancaster the exclusive privilege for ever of keeping ferries a cross said River extending so far as said River runs through said Lancaster And your Petitioners will ever pray—

John Weeks
Emmons Stockwell } Selectmen

Lancaster ye 12th Novr 1792

We Certify that the within Petition & order of Court thereon

has been posted up at the house of Col° Jonas Wilder as the most Public House in said town more than six weeks

John Weeks } Selectmen
Emmens Stockwell }
Jonas Baker Town Clerk
Jonas Wilder
Edw^ds Bucknam
Joseph Brackett
Joseph Wilder

[Not granted.—ED.]

[6–14] *Petition for Authority to levy a Special Tax for Road purposes, 1792.*]

To the Honorable the Senate and the Honorable House of Representatives of the state of New Hampshire to Convene at Exetor on the third Wednesday of Novr Instant—

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster Humbly Sheweth that about four years past the Honorable Genl Court Granted a tax on all the lands in said Lancaster public Rights excepted for the purpose of making Roads Bridges &c in said Town that by some unfourseen fattallity the business was not Accomplished and a considerable part of the roads through said Lancaster to our nearest seaport and Shire Town is yet almost impassable, That a Considerable part of the Township is owned by Nonresidants and the settlements very Inconsiderable in said Town and the Roads being very lengthy being about nine Miles on Connecticutt River and the Roads leading from said Connecticutt River Eastward to Dartmouth almost as far Distance the making passable said Roads being very Chargable and Insuportable to the Inhabitants; therefore your Petitioners pray Your Honours to order that a Tax of two pence per acre for two Years may be Assessed on all the lands in said Town and that a Committee may be Appointed to lay out said Tax in the most advantagious maner or grant such other Releaf in the premises as your Honors shall think best—And Your Petitioners as In Duty bound shall ever pray—

Lancaster ye 12th Novr 1792

Fortunatus Eager	Jonathan Cram	John Rosbrook
John Rosbrook J^ur	Titus O Brown	Emmens Stockwell
Charles Rosbrook	John Holms	Joseph Wilder
Jonas Wilder	Elisha Wilder	Asahel Biglow
William Bruce	Phineas Bruce	Nathan Lovewell

Benjamin Orr	David Page	Edwd Spaulding
David Stockwell	Abijah Darby	Willm Johnson
Moses Page	Joseph Brackett	Coffin Moore
Dennis Stanley	Walter Philbrook	
Wm Moore	Jonas Baker	

[6–16] [*Petition of Eleazer Rosbrook for a Ferry, 1792.*]

State of New Hampshire—

Lancaster June 1st 1792

To the Hon^{l} Genl Court to be convened at Dover in said State the first wednesday of said June—

Humbly Sheweth Eleazer Rosbrook—that he has opened and kept a Ferry across Connecticutt River at said Lancaster for several Years past by means of which the public have been considerably benefited—that for and during the time which he has kept said ferry it has been rather an expence to him than otherwise, and most probably no great advantage can arise thereby for some time yit to come, though it may be profitable at some future period—wherefore he prays Your Honors to grant him his Heirs and assigns the exclusive priviledge of keeping a ferry across said River under such restrictions and regulations as may appear proper and Your Peti^{r} will ever pray—

Eleazar Rosbrook

[The foregoing petition was granted.—Ed.]

[6–17] [*Petition for Special Tax to make Roads, 1793.*]

The Honble General Court of the State of New Hampshire—The Petition of the Town of Lancaster in said State humbly sheweth—

That the said town of Lancaster is such that the public Road leading through s^{d} town on Connecticutt River is upwards of ten Miles in Length and is attended with many Creeks Valies and Streems that leads into said River, where Bridges and Casways are needed to be built, and the Road leading through said town up Israels River towards Conway is attended with the like Impediments and that one other Road is much wanted to be opened through the Center of said town from Connecticutt River leading a Corse through said town and Whitefield and on to Thornton and Plymouth which road if opened would

shorten the Distance from Lancaster to Plymouth about thirty Miles which Road will in all probability be opened in said town the Ensuing Year—The Inhabitants of said Town being but small in Numbers, having the season past erected a large meeting house and are loaded with great Expences for the same, their Roads &c; and the Major part of the proprietors and land owners of said town live at New York and out of this State and are unwilling to Assist the Inhabitants of said town in these Burthensome Matters altho,—they are as much benifited thereby in the Rise of their lands as the Inhabitants of said town Therefore your petitioners pray your Honours would make a Grant of three pence on each and every Acre of land in said town viz one penny each year the three next succeeding Years and appoint a Committee to levy and Collect the same and apply it in opening the New and Repairing the other Roads and Bridges in said Town—And Your petitioners will ever pray—

December ye 21st 1793

Edw^ds Bucknam
Emmons Stockwell } Committee in behalf of the Town
Jonas Baker

[4-18]

At a Legal Meeting of the Voters of this town of Lancaster held this 22^d Novr 1793—

Voted to petition the Honble Genl Court for land tax to repair the roads Bridges &c in s^d Town—

Voted Col^o Edwards Bucknam Capt John Weeks and Jonas Baker Committee to make out a petition to the Honble Genl Court for the above purpose—

Decr 21st 1793—Met agreable to adjournment and Voted to chuse a Committee to sign the petition to the Honble Genl Court for a land tax as made out by the Com^tee chosen for that purpose and Chose Col^o Ed^ds Bucknam Capt Emmons Stockwell and Jonas Baker for s^d Committee—Voted Col^l Ed^ds Bucknam Ajant for the Town on s^d petition—

A true Coppy from the Records attest—

Jonas Baker Town Clerk

[Capt. John Weeks settled in Lancaster in 1787. He was the father of Hon. John W. Weeks, who commanded a company in the war of 1812, and was brevetted for gallant service at Chippewa. He was a member of the state senate in 1827 and 1828, and of congress in 1829 to 1831. He died in 1853.

Emmons Stockwell was one of the first settlers, a sturdy old hero, who refused to be frightened away by the Indians, and occupied his castle in that frontier town during the Revolutionary war.—ED.]

LANDAFF.

The township was granted Jan. 31, 1764, to James Avery and others, who failed to comply with the conditions of the grant, and it was declared by the governor and council to be forfeited.

Jan. 19, 1770, the tract was granted to Dartmouth college, with the usual conditions and reservations. Settlements were made under the latter grant to some extent, roads opened, and a mill built at the expense of the college, and on the 11th day of November, 1774, the town was incorporated by the governor and council.

After the Revolutionary war the first grantees claimed that their alleged forfeiture was not legal, and maintained their claim: the college had to abandon its title and lose what it had expended in making settlements. A compensation was however made to the college soon after, by the grant, Feb. 5, 1789, of a tract of land containing 40,960 acres on Connecticut river.

By an act approved July 2, 1845, a tract of land was severed from Lincoln and annexed to this town. June 23, 1859, all that part of Landaff lying north-west of Ammonoosuc river was annexed to Lisbon.

The town was divided July 20, 1876, and the east part incorporated into a town by the name of Easton.

[6–1] [*Town-Meeting Proceedings, 1777.*]

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of Landaff holden at the House of mr Joseph Warner in s^d^ Landaff on the 1st Day of febuary 1777, to Consider and Determin what they will Do relitive to the Letter sent to them by the Assemblys Commity bearing Date Jenuary 10th 1777 In Answer to which Voted that this town Appoint mr Joseph Warner Capt Nathaniel Hovey and Leu^t^ Josiah How who are our Commity

of Safety to act In our behalf In treating with the Assemblys Commity and that our s^d^ Commity do not enter into any measure for accomidation with s^d^ Assemblys Commity but In Conjunction with the united Commity whose meeting now stands Adjon^d^ to the 13th of february Instant to be holden at Lebanon and that a Copy of this Voat be transmited to the Assemblys Commity as quick as may be

A true Copy of the original minits by order of the Commity—

Joseph Warner
Nath^ll^ Hovey } Selectmen
Josiah How

Test Nath^ll^ Hovey Town Clark

To the honorable Meshech Weare Esqr &c Committee from the Assembly at Exeter.

[6–2] [*Petition for an Allowance for Services in the War, 1786.*]

State of New Hampshire County of Grafton—

To the Honorable the general Court of the said State, to be convened at Portsmouth on the first day of February ADom. 1786—

The petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Landaff in said County, humbly sheweth; that innumerable & inexpressible were the difficulties and distresses your petitioners suffered thro' the course of the late war in America; by being situated in a large extensive uncultivated Country almost destitute of Inhabitants, inviron'd about with a barbarous, cruel & merciless enimy, we were undefended and utterly unable to put ourselves in a warlike state of defence against those sanguinary Savages, who were lying in ambush to kill, burn, lay waste and destroy indiscriminately, all that were opposite to their vile & inhuman proceedings. Being thus exposed and living in constant jeopard of our lives, we were frequently alarm'd and obliged to join our feeble efforts on sudden emergences for the immediate preservation of our lives and properties, and were at great expence in guarding, scouting, building Forts &c. for which service we have never received any recompence or reward, from the State. Notwithstanding, if we could suppose ourselves to be upon an equality with other towns in this State, and that we had done no more than our just proportion, we should rest perfectly easy and satisfied with the benefits accruing from the glorious Conquest obtained by the loss of immense quantities of Blood and Treasure. Altho' our Cir-

cumstances at this day are very difficult indeed by reason of the extreme scarcity of Money; taxation is almost an insupportable burden, nevertheless your petitioners will exert every Nerve, with the greatest alacrity for the due observance of all your laws & regulations, but as it hath been a Custom heretofore to reward those that have done service or expended Money in the Common cause for the Defence of the State, we take encouragement therefrom, and most ardently pray your honors to take our Circumstances under your wise Consideration and make us some allowance for our former Services as set forth in this petition, or otherwise as your honors shall think proper.

And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Landaff Jany ye 25th
ADom. 1786—

Jon^{a} Blake } for Said
James Sawyer } Inhabitants
Selectmen

[6-3] [*Relative to Representative Class, 1788.*]

State of New Hampshire County of Grafton—

To the Honble the Senate & house of Representatives to be convened at Concord on wednesday the fourth day of June next—

The petition of Nathaniel Hovey, Jonathan Blake, John Clark, Nathaniel Webber, James Snow, Jeremiah Hutchins, Jacob Hurd, John Cleaveland, Henry Hancock and John Merrill in behalf of themselves & the inhabitants of the Towns of Landaff and Bath in said County, humbly shews—That the difficulties and inconveniences attending the said Towns being classed with Gunthwait, Lymon, & Littleton to chuse a Representative, are numerous and almost insuperable, on account of the great distance the people have to travel, (more especially those that live in the extreme parts of said Towns,) to attend the meetings held for that purpose, at a season of the year when the Roads are generally extreme bad and the Rivers open or about breaking up, so that it is very dangerous and sometimes almost impossible to pass over them For which reasons and others that might be ennumerated, the choice of our Representatives heretofore has been very unequal and commonly made by a small number. The situation of the Contry is such & the people live so remote from each other that they never can assemble together in any one place in this District as now formed, without much fatigue & difficulty; and the said Towns of Landaff & Bath having at least one hundred & forty one legal voters therein, and are so well situated to form a District that might be attended with many advantages, and the people

favoured with many privileges that they cannot otherwise enjoy; therefore your petitioners most ardently entreat your honors to take the premises under your wise consideration and grant liberty for the inhabitants of said Landaff & Bath to send a Representative to the general Court of said state, and that the meetings for electing one, might be held annually at the dwelling house of Capt Jeremiah Hutchins in said Bath—or otherwise as you may think proper And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c—

Landaff May ye 20th 1788—

Nathll Hovey Jona Blake John Clark Nathll Webber James Snow	Committee for said Landaff.
Jeremiah Hutchins John Cleaveland John Merrill Henry Hancock	Committee for said Bath.

[R. 2-176] [*Landaff claims Edward Marden, Soldier.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To the Hono General Court of said State to be Convened at Portsmouth on the first Day of Feby next by adjournment—

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Landaff humbly sheweth—That when the Requisition for soldiers was made to the State said Inhabitants being inform'd that they ware cal'd on to furnish one man for three years or during the war at great expence hir'd one Edward Mardin then lately come to Town, to serve and answer for their Proportion of said Requisition.—That through some mistake said Mardin was returned for Northumberland, without the knowledge of said Mardin, Landaff, or Northumberland,—That said Mardin was never an Inhabitant of Northumberland. * * * *

Landaff Jany 21st 1786.—

Jona Blake
for sd Inhabitants—

[The town presented a sworn statement of Marden's, certifying that he was hired by Landaff and paid £30; was never an inhabitant of Northumberland. The committee reported in favor of Landaff, which was adopted. Marden served in Whitcomb's corps.—Ed.]

[R. 2-180] [*Relative to a Bunker Hill Soldier, etc.*]

To the Honourable Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened—

Humbly shews—James Mitchell of Landaff in said State, that in June 1775, he furnished his Brother William Mitchell, then a soldier, with a valuable Gun and some other articles (to the amount of four pounds) necessary for the then intended expedition against the British Troops in Boston which gun and other articles were lost at the Battle at Bunker Hill, where the said William lost his Life—that in September 1777 he hired one Amos Hastings, and in July 1778 one Stephen Hall, to go into the service of the United States for him, for which your petitioner gave them about eleven pounds as a Bounty expecting that at some future period some equitable mode would be devised for reimbursing those, who had contributed more than their proportion in defence of their Country—for all which your petitioner has received no kind of compensation—Your petitioner begs leave further to shew, that in September 1778, at the special desire of Major Henry Moore, then a Collector of Cattle for the use of the army, he purchased thirteen oxen and gave his notes for the same, amounting to six hundred and sixty five pounds payable in six weeks; expecting within that time to receive the money of the said Moore;—that he was put to great expence in keeping and driving the said oxen, and was kept out of the money so long, and so distressed by law suits for it, that your petitioner sustained a loss of one hundred and fifty pounds at least, and was obliged to sell his Farm for a sum much below its value. * * *

Jany, 23d 1794

James Mitchell

[6-4] [*Petition for Authority to tax Non-Residents, 1789.*]

To the Honble the Senate & House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Court convened—

Humbly shews the Subscribers, Inhabitants of the Town of Landaff in the County of Grafton and State aforesaid, that the Public Highways leading through said Town are in a very bad condition, and in many places almost and totally impassible,—that the expence of making altering and repairing said Highways will be large,—that whatever has hitherto been done in making & repairing Highways in said Town has been at the expence of the Inhabitants & Residents in said town, without any expence to Nonresidents—

Your petitioners therefore pray your Honors to pass an Act

authorizing the raising of a Tax of three cents per acre on Resident & Non-resident Lands in said Landaff for the purpose of making altering & repairing highways within said Town & your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray—

Landaff June th 1798—

Ebenr Eaton	John Cogswell	John Clark Jr
Benj Currier	Nathll Rix	Joseph Jewett
David Atwood	Richd Clement	Simeon Edwards
Sargent Currier	Jona Noyes	Joshua Belknap
Thos Noys	Joseph Morrill	Birnsley Edwards
Jacob Moody	Jonathan Clark	Saml Mann
James Snow	Ephm Edwards	Jno Johnson
Ephraim Cushman	Nathaniel Noyes	Moses Noyes
Samuel Noyes Junr	Jona Poor	Alexander McKeen
Jereh Martin	Isaiah Cross	Jeremiah Bowin
James Simonds	Jona Simonds	Aaron Wodley
Luke Libby	Savory Patee	Day Patee
Alexander Hodge	Jona Blake	Peter Carleton

[In H. of Rep., Nov. 29, 1798, the foregoing petition was granted. Senate concurred.—Ed.]

[6-5]

To the Honourable Senate & House of Representatives to be convened at Exeter on the first wednesday of December A. D. 1799 Most Humbly sheweth—

That the selectmen of Bath presented a certificate to us the undersigned Selectmen of Landaff purporting that there was entered on their valuation for the year 1799 more than one Hundred & fifty rateable male polls of twenty one years of Age and upwards, and that they should not join with Landaff & Lincoln in sending a representative to the General court in future—therefore your petitioners (at the request of the inhabitants) of sd Landaff most humbly pray that an act pass that the Towns of Landaff Franconia and Lincoln be classed together for the purpose of sending a representative to the general court in future—and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Joseph Morrill } Selectmen
Ezra Chandler } of
Peter Carlton } Landaft

[In H. of Rep., Dec. 27, 1799, the foregoing request was granted. Landaff was classed with Franconia and Lincoln. —Ed.]

LANGDON.

The town was formed from territory taken from the towns of Charlestown and Walpole, and incorporated Jan. 11, 1787. It was named in honor of Hon. John Langdon, at that time speaker of the house of representatives.

Settlements were made on territory now in this town by Seth Walker in 1773, and by Nathaniel Rice and Jonathan Willard the year following. Rev. Abner Kneeland, who was ordained over a Universalist church here in 1805, was one of the leading men in that denomination in New England for some years, and published a periodical devoted to his peculiar tenets, called the Boston *Investigator*. In 1795 the town might have been extended to Connecticut river, but it refused, by vote, to accept the proffered addition.

[6–20] [*Petition for Authority to tax Non-Residents, 1789.*]

State of New Hampshire May 27th 1789—

To the Honble Senate and house of Representatives Conveined at Concord June 4th 1789

The petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Langdon Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioners are few In number and inhabit a new Town or District of land a considerable part of which Is owned by nonresident proprietors and that they are not able to make the necessary public Roads and Bridges and in particularly a Bridge over Cold River so called which is very Rapid and in the Spring and Fall at high water is not passible and the Expence of build the Bridge and making said roads exceeds the ability of your petitioners They therefore most Humbly pray your Honors to Impower them to Leavy a Tax of one penny on each acre of the non resident proprietors Land in said town for the purposes aforesaid or grant your petitioners such other Relief as you in your Wisdon shall think Propper and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray—

John Prouty
Ezra Read
Jeremiah Howard
} Select Men for and in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of Langdon

Langdon May 27th 1789

The Committee on the within petition Report a Tax of one

penny be laid on each Acre of Land in said Town for one Year & they have leave to bring in a Bill accordingly

Nat Rogers for the Com

[In H. of Rep., June 11, 1789, the report was adopted. Senate concurred.—Ed.]

[6-21] [*Petition for Special Tax to build a Meeting-House, 1793.*]

To the Honourable General Court of the State of New Hampshire to be holden at Concord on first wednesday of June Next—

The petition of the Select men of Langdon Humbly Sheweth—that whereas the Inhabitants of said town are aboute to Build a meeting House for the better Conveannance of meeting for publick worship &c as soon as thay think them Selves in a Sittuation to accomplish it and Considering that there is in said town Considerable Land of Non-residents which by building said meeting house will be likely to be more Valueable, these are therefore to pray your Hounours to Grant Liberty for said town to Tax said Lands two pence on Each acre which money to be laid out toward said building whenever said town shall see fit to build said house or otherways Do as you Honnours in your wisdom think best and your Petitioners as in Duty bound will Ever Pray

James Egerton } Select men
Sam[l] Prouty } of
John Prentiss } Langdon

Langdon May 27 1793

[6-22] [*Vote of Town relative to extending its North Line, 1795.*]

At a Legal Town meetin in Langdon the third Day of march 1795 the following Vote was taken for extending Langdon North Line to the River Connecticut thare appeared to be thirty three Votes for extending said Line to said River and thirty against Extending said Line to said River at A Legal town meeting in Langdon May 11th 1795, Called at the Requst of a Number of Free Holders to Know the mind of the Town if thay Will have Langdon North Line Extend to the River Connecticut acording to the Vote Recorded at our Last annual meeting or Not—thare appeared to be thirty seven Votes Not

to Extending said Line to s^d River and twenty three Votes for extending said Line to said River

A Trew Coppey Record

atest—James Egerton Town Clark

Langdon May 13th 1795

[The town of Charlestown had given its consent to the annexation of that portion of its territory lying between Langdon and Connecticut river to the latter town, and the inhabitants residing thereon had petitioned to be thus annexed (Vol. XI, p. 295). Had this project succeeded, both towns would have been more symmetrical, and Langdon would have had a river front and a railroad within its borders.—ED.]

LEBANON.

The township was granted July 4, 1761, to Nehemiah Estabrook and 59 others, in 68 equal shares, with the usual reservations. Some of the grantees were from Lebanon, Conn., and the town was named for their old home.

The first settlements were made by William Dana, Silas Waterman, William Downer, and Nathaniel Porter.

Lebanon was one of the towns that attempted to unite with Vermont, and was represented in the convention at Cornish, April 5, 1781, by Col. Elisha Payne and Elihu Hyde. Some documents relative to the matter may be found among the following papers.

This was the first town settled on Connecticut river north of Charlestown, and has been for many years one of the leading towns in that section in wealth and population. Lead and iron ore were found here many years ago, and a copper mine, more recently discovered, is now being developed by the Mascoma Mining Company.

[6–23] [*Report of Committee on Boundaries, 1768.*]

Sir—

With Submission, these wait upon you with Respect, and may Serve

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To Inform that we the Subscribers, Com[tees] for the proprieties of
Lebanon and Plainfield, in pursuance to your advice, have
Established a Bound Between the Said Towns, and as near
The Centre as possible, Sd. Bound being a Large White
Pine tree, mark'd. 3 and 4. and Standing a Little Below the
Meadow. Called Hedgehog meadow, in Said Lebanon Just in
The bend of the River: on the N. Side of a hill. on the East bank
Of Connecticut River—
These are therefore to Desire the favour, of your Hon[r] if you in
Your wisdom Shall Judge our proceedure in Said affair to be
Legal and Conclusive; To Certifie the Same, to his Excellency
For his approbation. thereof, that the Same may be Established
As to Law and Custom doth appertain—
And we as in duty bound, beg leave to Subscribe.—
Your Honours most Obedient
And very Humble Serv[ts]——

John Wheatley
Nathaniel Porter
Charles Hill
Thomas Gates
Thomas Gallup
John Stevens

Dated in Lebanon
New Hampshire Oc[t] 1st 1768—

[6–24] [*Return of Arms and Equipments, 1775.*]

Grafton ss—Lebanon August 21st 1775—

A Return of Fire arms now in Said Lebanon Judged to be Fit for actual Service, Firelocks — — 55 — —
Other Accoutrements now in hand, or to be procured immediately—Fire arms wanting to Compleat the whole of the inhabitants of Said Lebanon able to bear arms — — 27 — —
it is the Humble Request of the Select men of Said Lebanon, in behalf of Said Town. that the Hon[ble] the provincial Congress, would make provision for the Supplying the above Deficiencies in Said Lebanon, according to the proposal made by Said Congress—For the Equipting of the militia throughout this province—

Nehemiah Estabrook
Jn[o] Wheatley
John Griswold
} Select Men—

[Superscription] To The Hon[ble] Matthew Thornton Esq[r] Chairman of the provincial Congress.

[R. 2-181] [*Petition of Nathaniel Bugbee, Soldier: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

May it please your Honours: the petition of Nath[l] Bugbee Humbly Sheweth;—That your petitioner Listed a private Soldier, in the year 1777 in Cap[t] John House[s] Company & Col[o] Sylley[s] Reg[t] of foot, Raised by the s[d] State for three years service in the Continental Army: * * * *

Nathaniel Bugbee

[R. 2-182]

These May Certify that Nath[l] Bugbee Inlisted April 22[d] 1777 for three years, in the Comp[y] Formerly Commanded by Cap[t] John House, in the 1st New Hampshire Regiment, in the Continental Army, and served in said Company untill April 23, 1780, Excepting the time he was Absent which time I am Not Able to Assertain

Daniel Clapp Cap[t] L[t]—

To whom it may Concern

The Bearer Nathaniel Bugby of Col[o] Silley[s] Reg[t] Cap[t] House[s] Company being unfitt for Duty has a furlow for two months—by order of the Director

M[ss] Treat Chir: Gen[l] N D

Gen[l] Hospital Northern Department Octo[r] 25th 1777—

[He also presented a certificate from "John Williams Physician," dated Lebanon, May 26, 1778, relative to his condition; and one dated October 24th, 1785, signed Nehemiah Estabrook, Elihu Hyde, committee of safety, and Theo. Huntington, Simeon Peck, selectmen.—Ed.]

[R. 2-185]

[In a petition dated May 11, 1778, John Slapp stated that his "son Edward Slapp of Lebanon Listed into the Continental Service April 25th 1777, in Cap[t] Jn[o] House[s] Comp[y] —in Col[o] Cilley[s] Reg[t] & was at Ticonderoga when that important post was Evacuated;" that he was taken sick, and died at the house of Ichabod Cross, of Shaftsbury, on the way home. He asked for an allowance. The following endorsement is on the back of the petition: "Stop a little while till they pay Taxes."—Ed.]

[R. 2-186] [*Soldier's Order, 1785.*]

To his Excellency the President of the State of New Hampshire

Sir please to Pay unto James Norris or his order all the Money due to me for three Months Service in Capt Woodmans Company it being for value recd pr me

Lebanon Jany 12 1785

his
Joseph X Steavens
mark

Witness Jona Norris £4, 3, 4—

[*The following Documents are copied from "Gen. Jona. Chase's Papers," in N. H. Historical Society's Library.*]

Lebanon Sept, the 27 1777 State New hampshier

Sir Pursuant to your order of Saturday Last we have Procured & sent to Join you the Names of men hearafter mentioned

Drafted Lieut Levi Hide
Joseph Tildan Jnr in John Greys Rom
Solomin mellington
Volontiers Hugkins Stors William Downer Junr

Nehemiah Estabrooks } Comitty
Azariah Bliss } of Safty
John Griswold } Lebanon

The Names of the Men Drafted in Lebanon 24th July A D 1777

Sergt Oliver Griswold
Corpl Joseph Martin
Rufus Baldwin
Azariah Bliss Jr
Asa Colburn
Joseph Downer
Constant Storrs
Joseph Tilden Jr
Ebba Peck
Joseph Wood Jr
Isaiah Bliss
Zalmon Aspenwall
George Wales
Eleazr Mather Porter
Jeremiah Griswold
Lieut William Danas Return

A Return of Contanantal men that Enlisted out of Lebanon for 3 years—In Colo Sylla Rigerment in Capt John House Company in April 1777

Names	Age	Discription					
John Colburn	33	Light Complextion	5	feet	9	inches	high
Phinehas Wright	27	" "	6	"			"
Jonathan Conant	17	" "	5	"	5	"	"
Edward Slapp	27	" "	5	"	6	"	"
Luther Wheatly	18	" "	5	"	7	"	"
Jonathan Wright	22	" "	5	"	10	"	"
Nath[l] Bugbee	25	Dark "	5	"	10	"	"
Benj[a] Owen	19	Light hair & Eyes	5	"	11	"	"
Jon[a] Kingsbury	28	Dark Complextion	5	"	8	"	"

The following men Inhabitants of Lebanon engaged for 3 years in the states of Connecticut & Massachusetts Bay

Elisha Tilden	26	Dark Brown hair	5	feet	9	inches high

In Col[o] Wylly[s] Rigerment

Stephen Tilden	21	Light Complextion	5	feet	8	inches high

In Col[o] Durkee[s] Rigerment

John Landee	26	Light Complextion	5	feet	7	inches high

Samuel Paine Cap[t]
William Dana Lieu[t]
Samuel Estabrook Ens[n]

[*William Dana's Return.*]

Lebanon y[e] 3[d] Sep[t] 1777

A Return of Both Officers & Soldiers, that are in the Continental Servis, for three years, or During the present Contest with grate Britton

Viz for the State of New Hampshire

Ens[n] Tho[s] Blake	Phynahas Wright	Luther Wheatly
Sarg[t] John Colburn	Edward Slapp	Jonathan Conant

In Cap[t] Houses Company Syles Regiment

Hired out of this State—

Nathaniel Bugbee	Jonathan Wright	Benjamin Owen

for the State New York

Cap[t] Sam[ll] Paine	Charles Tilden	Stephen Manning

for the State of Connecticut

Elish Tildin Stephen Tilden

Test William Dana Lieu^{t}

John Slapp Clark

To Col^{o} Jonath^{n} Chase

[Noah Paine enlisted July 1, 1780, for six months.—ED.]

[6-25] [*Relative to a Committee of Conference, 1777.*]

State of N: Hamp^{re} Grafton ss—

Jany 30th 1777—

Whereas. the Select men of Lebanon have Rec^{d} a printed Letter, in behalf of a Com^{tee} Said to be appointed by a Genl Assembly of this State, to treat with Such persons, or Com^{tees} as Shall be appointed by any Town or Towns, that are Dissatisfied with what is Called a plan of Government in Said State —In a full meeting of the inhabitants of Said Leb^{n} Resolved. that Said Com^{tee} appointed as aforesaid Be Reffered to the Gen^{ll} meeting of the Corresponding Com^{tees} of Several Towns in this State, to be Holden at Said Lebanon on Thursday the 13th Day of Feby next, at, 10 Oth. Clock A M. at the Dwelling House of Dea^{c} John Ordway. inn-holder in Said Lebanon—for the purpose aforesaid—

Attest Silas Waterman C^{l}

[6-26] [*Letter from Nehemiah Estabrook, 1777.*]

Lebanon Feby 5th 1777.

Gentlemen,

The enclosed have been transmitted to me with desire that I wou'd forward them to you by the first Opportunity, which I now do by the bearer Mr Porter.

I am likewise desired by Committees of various Towns to inform you that those Towns in these Parts, which are aggrieved with the proceedings of the Assembly at Exeter have united by their Committees to concert measures to obtain redress; and that their meeting is to be held by adjournment at the House of Deacon Ordway at Lebanon on the 13th Instant—And as it appears to be the general Sintiment in these Parts that the only effectual means of producing that harmony and union you propose will be a Conference with said meeting of Committees, I

am desired to request the favour that you will attend said meeting that a solid Foundation may thereby be laid for effecting those desirable and important Purposes.

I am Gentlemen with much respect,
Your most obedient
and humble Servant
Nehemiah Estabrook chairman of
said united Committees

[6–27] [*Complaint of N. H. Adherents, 1778.*]

To the Honble the Council & Assembly of the State of New Hampshire—

We the Subscribers, being Inhabitants of Lebanon in the County of Grafton and State afores^{d} Humbly Petition and give your Hon^{rs} to be Informed, that for Some Time past we have been greatly abused & harrassed by a Power, usurped without Right, to which we neither owe nor own Allegiance, and by which we have been prohibited, from Yielding that Subjection & Obedience to the State of New Hampshire which is Justly due. and whereby we are deprived of those Rights and Priviledges to which we are Justly entitled as Subjects of s^{d} State, and are liable to many & great Evils and Burdens for want of that Protection which we humbly conceive, may be dutifully requested and demanded from the State of New Hampshire—

Wherefore we most humbly pray that your Hon^{rs} will take Such resolutions on the premises as may effectually redress the Grievances of your Petitioners and restore them to their Just Rights & Priveledges & the Protection of said State, and may be duly represented in the Genl Assembly and have Justice administered under the Authority of the Same—

And your Pet^{rs} Shall ever pray &c

Lebanon 15th Decr 1778

Charles Hill	Sam^{ll} Bailey	Phinehas Wright
William Downer jur	James Jones	Sam^{ll} Millington
Solomon Millington	John gray	Jesse Heath
Ebenezer Bliss	Jabez Baldwin	W^{m} wakefield
Isaac Cory	Beniamin fuller	William Downer
Joseph Tilden Jr	Simeon Hovey	Josiah Hovey
Joseph Wood	Eliezer Robinson	James Fuller

December 24—at a Meeting of the Within Named petioners

Voted S^{d} Petition be Shewn to the Select men of ye town
Voted that this meeting Be Adjourned to the 28th instant

Jesse Heath Clark

Dec^{br} 28th the above petitioners met by adjournment and Voted mr. william Downer their agent to present S^{d} petition to the Honble Asembly of S^{d} State or in there reses to the Honble president and Council and Receive Their answer—

Jesse Heath Clarke

[6–28] [*Relative to an alleged Riot, 1779.*]

Lebanon Newhamshire July 27th 1779
To the Hon^{bl} Meshack Ware and the Honble Councel of the State of Newhamshire—

Gentlemen: your petitioners desire to inform your Honers of A late disturbance in this town: against all Law both Humane and divine=and in defyance of the authority of the State: a number of men went to the dweling House of m^{r} Jams Joans in the Evening of the 22^{d} inst. And by force and Violence, toock him from his bed and bound Him on a horse with his face to the horses tail: and he was obliged to Ride in that maner four or five miles=to a tavern they following him with Bells horns &^{c}=at the tavern they abused him in a most Shocking maner with words and blows: then Return^{d} about half a mile made a halt and abused him as before: Even thretening with death till He was oblig^{d} to Comply with thir unreasonable Demands. your petitioners are Very much threttened if we Say any thing against Such Conduct. therefore we pray your Honers to take the mater into Considerration. and Afford us Such assistance as you in your wisdom Shall think best

Jesse Heath }
Saml Bailey } Com^{tt}
Charles hill }

[6–30] [*Protest against the Action of the Town, 1780.*]

State of Newhampshire County of Grafton

Lebanon 31st March 1780

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of the town of Said Lebanon Who hold our selves in duty bound To be League Subjects of the State of Newhampshire—

Do hereby publickly remonstrate and protest against the Illegal proceeding of the Town of Lebanon (viz) the Town Voting

to pay no regard To the Authority of the state of Newhampshire and that thay Would Yeild no Obedience to any precept sent to them from the Authority of Said state for raising men for the defence of the United states or any other wise—

The Town enacting Laws in town meeting repugnant to the Laws of the state and adopting the Laws of Connecticut to govern them Selves by in open violation of the Authority of the state of Newhampshire Altho thay have Unanimously Acknowlidge themselves under the Jurisdiction of Newhampshire by Vollentarily confiderating with said State and the Town under a pretence of authority in a high handed manner frequently stop men in the highway Rob them of their property even when they have a Certifficate from proper authority to pass unmolested and Blocking up the publick Highway by falling Trees Across the path so as to Render it impractible for Travilors to pass Whereby Travilers have been much injured and to the disgrace of the Town and many Other Illegal proceedings inconsistant in themselves and injurious to the public peace of this and Neibouring towns,—To be Communicated to the Town forth with

Sam[l] Bailey	Jesse Heath	Charles Hill
Eben[r] Bliss	W[m] Downer	W[m] Downer Ju[r]
Phinehas Wright	Sam[l] Millington	Sam[l] Millington Ju[r]
Soloman Millington	Benj[a] Fuller	James Fuller
James Jones	John Gray	Joseph Tilden Jun[r]
Eleźer Robinson	Jabez Baldwin	W[m] Wakefield
Joel Kilburn	Gideon Baker	Nathaniel Hall Jun[r]

[From Gen. Chase's papers.]

[*Call for a Conference Meeting, 1780.*]

Lebanon New Hamshire Grants 23[d] October 1780.

Whereas the present Day calls for every Exertion touching the publick Cause, that our Lives & properties may be safe & secure from Invasions of our natural and unnatural Enemies & that we have reason to believe, we have many of the most abandoned Wretches, that are lost to all the fealings of humanity among us, who do intend the Destruction of this flourishing Country if not prevented.—We whose names are here inscribed do request that no time be lost in taking up all suspected Persons that are Enemical to the Liberties of this Country—That every Town would exert themselves for that purpose—That the Towns on this Frontier would form into some Plan, for the design & purpose of purging out this Detest-

able Leven. We desire the Committee & Selectmen & the Principal Inhabitants of the Neighboring Towns would attend at Mr Bliss's Inholder in Lebanon, on Monday the 30th of October 1780 for this purpose

Nehemiah Estabrook Elisha Lathrop Elihu Hyde	Committee of Safety	Simeon Peck Theo–Huntington Nathl Stores	Select Men

A Coppy of a Letter sent to the adjacent Towns

Attest Elijah Dewey Junr

[6–29] [*Relative to Vermont Controversy, 1782.*]

State of New Hampshire Grafton County

Lebanon 15: May 1782

To the Honble the Council and General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire—

We the Subscribers Did prefer A Petition to your Honours Dated at Lebanon 15th Decem^{r} 1778. Setting forth Some Difficultys & grievances we Laboured under,—& praying for Redress in the premices,—We Rec^{d} an Answer to Said Petition from the Com^{ttee} of Safety Dated 8th Jany 1779 informing us that the General Assembly had Resolved to take up & Consider the matter and Endeavour to Redress our Grievances,—Recommending to us to pay no Obedience to any Authority but what was Derived from the Legeslature of New Hampshire, which Recommendation we have Steadily Adheared to—and have publickly Remonstrated against the Illegal & irregular proceedings of the Town in Town Meeting, as will Appear by A Remonstrance herewith Exhibitted, which was Laid before the Town &c—

We would inform your Honours we have always Stood Ready to pay our Equal proportion of the Taxes Call^{d} for by the Authority of New Hampshire, but by Reason of being over powered by Numbers Could Never obtain to have A Regular List made up to have our Tax proportioned or any Legall officer to Collect, by which means the money haith Died in our pockets,—

We now putting Confidence in your Great wisdom and Goodness being fully purswaded that you will Compasionate & hear the prayer of your Distressed Leage Subjects, Do now again most Earnestly Petition to your Honours to Consider our Case, and grant us Such Releife in the premises as in your wisdom you Shall think Just & Reasonable, So as that your Petitioners may be as Little Sufferers as possible by the Disorderly & Dis-

obedient Conduct of the Town, and the Great Evils and Disadvantages they have involved themselves in by not Continuing Loyal Subjects of the State, and paying their Taxes in Season—

Jesse Heath } Com^tee
Charles Hill }

[6-31] [*Disputed Jurisdiction, 1782.*]

To the Honble the Gen^ll Assembly of the State of New Hamp^re To be Holden at Ports^mo in s^d State, the third Wednesday of Decr Instant,—

May it please Your Hon^rs

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Lebanon in the County of Grafton in S^d State; having taken into Consideration the Several Resolves of the Honble the Continental Congress, Respecting the Disputes that have Arisen about the Jurisdiction of the State of N: Hamp^re over the Hamp^re Grants (So Called) are of the Opinion that S^d Resolves, implicitly declare it to be the Opinion of that August Body, that that part of S^d Grants Lying East of Connecticut River (in which we are included) Should be under the Jurisdiction of the State of New Hamp^re; with which we Readily Comply; and Acknowledge the same; Yet, Nevertheless for us to be Obliged to pay the back State Taxes; for the time being that we have been unconnected with the State of New Hamp^re in matters of Government, we Look upon it to be a Hardship, & Trust that your Hon^rs will Consider us in that matter; & as there is a Considerable Number of the inhabitants of this Town that wholly Deny the Jurisdiction of N: Hamp^re,—if your Hon^rs should find yourselves Laid under the Disagreeable Necessity of using Coercive measures, with Opposers, to your Authority we Hope that your Hon^rs will make a Specifick Difference between them & Us, & we as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray

Joseph Tilden	Saml Bailey	Solomon Millington
James Jones	Sam^ll Millington	Sherebiah Ballard
Jesse Heath	Gid^n Baker	Ziba Hall
Stephen Billing	Thos Bingham	Heze Waters
Nathl Hall Ju^r	Charles Hill	Jno Wheatley
Joseph Chamberlin	Simon Slapp	Oliver Penney
Rufus Baldwin	Dan Metcalf	Stephen Tilden
james Hartshorn	Charles Tilden	Thos Wells
Joel Kilborn	Joseph Wood	Phinehas Wright
Barna Tisdale	David Hinckley	William Downer jur
Wm Downer	Joseph Downer	Randol Evans
David Crocker	Silas Waterman	
An^w Wheatley	William Dana	

[Documents relative to the dispute concerning the jurisdiction over the New Hampshire grants, east of Connecticut river, may be found in Vol. X.—ED.]

[6–32] [*Relative to recording Grants in Office of the Secretary of State, 1782.*]

To the Honourable Council of the state of New Hampshire and to the general Assembly of said State to meet at Concord in said State on the second Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and eighty two—

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of the town of Lebanon in the County of Grafton in said State humbly petition and shew to your Honors—That they are, either original Grantees of land, granted either by Benning Wentworth, Esq; or John Wentworth, Esq; late Governors of said State, or claim land by virtue of conveyances from such original Grantees—That in consequence of the confusion that has prevailed in said County but a small part of the Laws of said State have been received in said County, for a number of Years so that your Petitioners never heard of the act of the General Assembly of said State, entitled An Act For Recording Grants, Locations or Charters of Lands granted by the late Governors thereof—passed March the fourth in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Eighty, until the time limited in said Act for filing said Grants &c in the Secretary's Office in said State was elapsed—That your Petitioners have lately been informed that the time of filing said Grants &c as aforesaid has since been lengthned by an Act of said Assembly, but that the time allowed by this Act had also expired before they received this information—And that your Petitioners are in danger of losing their lands in consequence of their not knowing of the passing of said Acts—

Your Petitioners therefore pray that a further time may be allowed for the receiving and recording such Grants &c as aforesaid—or that such other relief may be granted to your Petitioners as to your Honors shall seem meet, as in duty bound shall ever pray

Sam^{ll} Bailey	Wm Downer	Charles Hill
Phinehas Wright	William Downer ju.	Joseph Downer
James Jones	Sam^{ll} Millington	Solomon Millington
Gid^{n} Baker	Benjmin Wright	Eliezer Robinson
Joel Kilborn	Nathaniel Hall Ju^{r}	Joseph Tilden Ju^{r}
John Gray		

[6–33] [*Protest against the Incorporation of a District to be called Dresden, 1783—incomplete.*]

Objections against the Incorporation of a part of Lebanon & Hanover in the County of Grafton into a distinct Town—

1—The freeholders of that part of Lebanon, which is subject to taxation, & proposed to be taken into said corporation, are unanimously opposed to such an Incorporation—That is, those of them, who reside in said Lebanon—Fourteen hundred and forty Acres are all the land (exclusive of College lands) lying in said Lebanon proposed to be taken in—Thirteen hundred Acres of which are owned by said resident Freeholders, and a considerable part of the one hundred and forty Acres remaining are owned by a Minor—

2. That the said resident Owners, have done already their proportion for building up Dartmouth College, and they can see no reason why they should be subject to the Authority of said College and their dependants—They have given one hundred and fifty Acres of Land, and in money and labour, to the amount of Fifteen pounds—Altho but eight in number, and subject to those difficulties, which generally attend those, who settle a new Country, And if such an Incorporation should be made every vote would be carried according to the Inclinations of the said Autohrity, who will always have a sufficient number of Dependants to assist them in carrying any point—whereby the situation of the said resident Owners would be exceedingly uncomfortable.—

3. By such an Incorporation the said Freeholders will be excluded from all benefit to public rights, and to ministerial and school privileges in s^d^ Lebanon—The public rights in s^d^ Lebanon are so far improved and disposed off that a considerable sum accrues to Lebanon from such Improvements and disposal, A minister is settled—a meeting house and several School-houses are built—

From which benefit, the s^d^ Freeholders would be excluded by such an Incorporation—

4. Many new roads must be made to accomodate such a Town as is desired—whereas if the s^d^ Freeholders remain as they are in conjunction with Lebanon, the expence of said new roads will be saved—

5. That the s^d^ Incorporation will ever greatly be burthened with poor to maintain—Dependants must be introduced and not warned out 'till they become a town-charge—

6. That the expence of maintaining town order will be great, & a very large part of that expence will fall upon the s^d^ Freeholders in proportion to their interest. The s^d^ Freeholders are the owners of double, if not treble the land in s^d^ proposed

township, which will be subject to taxation—and the College will ever own stock and other ratiable property whereby the s^d^ Freeholders are apprehensive that they shall be obliged to do a great, if not the greatest part towards supporting the poor, and discharging other town expences, which they feel unable ever to perform—

7. That it would be unprecedented to seperate any from a particular Corporation, they had joined without their consent either explicit or implicit

[See Hanover papers, ante.—ED.]

[6–34] [*Relative to the Collection of Taxes.*]

To the Honourable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire now setting in Concord—

The petition of the Select Men of the Town of Lebanon in the County of Grafton Humbly sheweth

That from the year 1777 till the year 1781—sundry sums of money were from time to time voted by said Town for defraying necessary Town charges, and for defending ourselves on the Frontier against the Common Enemy, that tax bills were from time to time made out agreeable to said Votes, but Collected only in part, untill the year 1781 when at a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town Mr Constant Storrs was appointed to Collect the aforesaid Taxes, and they were accordingly Committed to him to Collect—That as said Bills were made on Inventories not conforming to the then Laws of this State, though at the same time makeing the Average to each person so taxed very nearly the same, as the law in that Case would have done, and were made by the General Order Vote, and direction of the people of s^d^ Town, yet as we apprehend it unsafe to proceed to collect said Taxes unless the said Collector is duly authorized so to Do—

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honours would pass such act or resolve as may enable said Collector to complete the Collection of s^d^ Bills

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray—

Concord 12th of June 1783 — David Hough, in the behalf of s^d^ Select Men

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[6–35] [*Relative to the Incorporation of Dresden, 1783.*]

To the Speaker of the house of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire Now Seting att Concord—

Sir: Should thare be any moshon on thursday Nex to See if the a Sembly will in Corperate in to a Destinct town a Sarting tract of Land lying on Conotocut River so called being part of Hanover and part of Lebanon by the name of Drisdon I Beg Sir—you would in forme the Honorobel house that thare is a potishon or praor to Sd house not to Encorperate in to a Destinct town the Lands potishond for last seting of a Sembly those that signed a Ganst incorporation owne more than one half the ratobol land Contand in the potishon for incorperation you Sir and the house in General are Sensobol the Coledg Lands and Ofosors of Coledge are not taxt Sir thare is not much if any more one hundred and seventy acors under Emprovement taxabol lands in Sd tract potishond for inCoperation Sir we heare thare was an order of Cort upon thare Potishon that the matter should be heard and Reson shone if any why it should not be in Coperated and that the order of Cort should be publeshed in the publick papers we have No knowledg of the orders being Complyd with Sir; the Reson of my troughbling you with this letter was, I was Desired to a tend Cort and see that the potishonors protest a ganst in Coperation was lade be fore the honorabel house when I Sot out better than a fortenate a Go from home Expected to a Returnd home time anough to a ben Down by the Day and Left the Potishon with the Signors being wethor bound find I Cant Comply with thare requst I feare thay will have opertunity to send thare potishon on with thare reasons why thay would wish not to be in Coperated in to a Distinct town—

Sir, tho you are a Stranger to me the Stashon or place you stand in is Sofishont Evidence to me that you are Gentelman of Vorasoty and must feale for Every Injured Sufforer in the State in which asembly that you are the Speaker of that Body that we under God have no whare Els to look for help in matters of this nature—

Sir—if you think that we are not to poore to be Notest having but small interest Liabol to pay what Ever is put upon us without ever having a Voice in Representation Liabol to make and mend the Rodes threw all the Coledg land with out thare help which Rods are Verey bad and the few and poor inhabotonc will be oblige to make and mend or Suffer the penalty of Law for Not Doing it that you will att least Continue oure trial or delay incorporating said town untill the Next Seshon, att which time Hanover and Lebanon will be reprosented as thay are not Know as thay Consider it—

if a Sembly under the Consideration that we Cant by Reson of the rods being bloct and Som other matters that the house ought to Know upon oure trial that Cant be said before the a Sembly this Seshon if thay in thare wisdom would Give us

a heare ing att the nex Seting we should think oure Selvs in Duty bound to pray

December 20th 1783—

Gideon Tiffan in behalf of

Signors a ganst in Copration of Dresdon

[6–36] [*Relative to the Incorporation of Dresden, 1783.*]

Know all men by these Presents—That we the Subscribers Freeholders of the town of Lebanon in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire do by these presents severally constitute & appoint Joseph Tilden of sd Lebanon our lawfull Attorney in all causes moved or to be moved for us or against us in our respective names to appear plead & pursue to final Judgment and Execution—Particularly to repair to the General Assembly of sd State to sit at Concord in sd State in December instant, & in our names to oppose the granting the prayer of a Petition presented to the sd Assembly at their last Session, by Bezaleel Woodward and others, requesting the Incorporation of a part of said Lebanon & a part of Hanover in said County into a distinct town—In our names to appear at any Session of the said Assembly, & there to transact any matter or matters to prevent the sd Incorporation, that we might respectively do were we personally present—with full power of substitution—

In witness whereof we have hereto respectively set our hands & Seals the 19th day of December Anno Domini 1783—

Joseph Tilden Jr	Rufus Baldwin	Rufus Baldwin Ju
Charles Tilden	Joel Tilden	Samuel Baldwin
Stephen Tilden		

[The scheme for the incorporation of Dresden did not succeed. See Hanover papers, ante.—Ed.]

[6–37] [*William Dana for a Ferry, 1784.*]

To the Honle the General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire to sit at Exeter in March in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty four—

Humbly shews William Dana of Lebanon in the County of Grafton in sd State—That he was one of the first settlers in sd Lebanon, that he has suffered greatly by the passing of persons thro' his land, in going over Connecticut river, to Hartford in the State of Vermont (so call'd)—That the privilege of a ferry

in s^d^ river parallel with s^d^ Lebanon has not been granted—But the profits of assisting to the crossing s^d^ river against s^d^ Lebanon have been ingrossed by those that live not in the State of New-Hampshire, & have no estate therein, & can easily evade any law of s^d^ State for the regulation of Ferries—Your Petitioner therefore prays, the granting to him & his heirs the privilege of a ferry, beginning at the Northwest Corner of his house Lott in s^d^ Lebanon—thence extending across s^d^ river in a direct line with the north line of s^d^ Lott to the western bank of s^d^ river—thence south on s^d^ bank one mile & an half—thence east across s^d^ river to the North bank of the river Mascoma—thence North on the eastern bank of the first mentioned river to the first mentioned bound—as in duty bound shall ever pray

William Dana

[Petition granted.—Ed.]

[6-38] [*Petition for a new Town, 1785.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To the Honarable the Senate, and House of Representatives in General Court to be convened at Concord on the Third Wednesday of October instant—

The petition of Elisha Payne and others Inhabitants of the Towns of Lebanon Hanover—Enfield and Canaan in said State, humbly shew that their local situation is such, being in the four adjoining corners or parts of said towns, and so remote from the centre of the Respective Towns to which they belong, and the places of their holding Town and other publick Meetings that renders it very inconvenient and allmost imposable for them to attend especially on the sabbath or Lords day. That the Territory of land here after discribed, being about four Miles square is so situated, and the laying of the rhodes through the same such, that makes it convenient for them to be a district or Town of themselves, and will Not hurt or injure the respective towns from which they may be taken off. Your petitioners therefore humbly pray Your Honers to take their case into Your wise consideration and Grant them relief, by allowing them an incorporation with Town privileges agreeably to the following limits and boundaries, viz begining at the Northwest corner of lot N° 50, of the village lots so called, in the line between said Lebanon and Hanover from thence runing south 23° west by the westerly line of said Village lots untill it comes to Masquama River, then turning and runing up said River and crossing the same to the southwest corner of Lot N° 26 on the southerly side of said River from thence southerly a strate line to the southwest corner of lot N° 9 on

the Northerly side of Enfield Rhode (so called) Thence south 72 degrees east by said Enfield Rhode to the east line of Lebanon called the Freeman line, and to continue the same course in said Enfield one Mile and a half thence turning off and runing North 36° E. parilel with the Town line untill it comes to said River thence up the River to the Bridge standing on said River in Canaan from thence North 36° East so far as one Mile and a quarter from Enfield North line thence turning off and Runing North 64° west through part of Canaan and into said town of Hanover to the Northeast corner of Lot No. 13 and by the Northerly line thereof and by the Northerly line of three lots, No 3 untill it comes to lot No. 17 thence turning oft by said lot No 17, 18 and 19 and so continue the same cours to the line between Lebanon and Hanover thence by said line to the Bounds began at ——— ——— which tract or territory of land as above discribed, Your Petitioners pray May be by Your Honers incorporated into a district or town by name of and the inhabitants thereof invested with all the powers priviledges and immunitys that other towns or districts under the like circumstances within the State have and injoye, or in some other way grant Your petitioners relief in the premises as Your Honers in Your wisdom shall Judge Most convenient and Your petitioners in duty bound will ever pray—

Dated Lebanon 12th day of October, 1785—

Walter Peck	Ebba Peck	Nathan Blodget
David Hinckley	Edmd Freeman	Gidn Baker
John Crowell	David Stoddard	Lonard Hoar
Daniel Swetland	James Bellows	Jonathan Bingham
Abiel Willes	Ephraim Brown	Samel Karr
Daniel Willes	Elisha Payne	Thomas Howard
Benjamin Wright	Jeriah Swetland	Clap Sumner
Daniel Alden	Enoch Redington	Phinehas Allen
Diarus Allen	Simeon Cooke	Solomon Millington
Joseph Basford		

[The petitioners did not succeed in their efforts to obtain the incorporation of a new town.—Ed.]

[6-39] [*Samuel Bailey for a Ferry, 1785.*]

State of New Hampshr

To the Honble Senate & house of Representatives in General Court Convend at Portsmouth on ye first wensday of June 1785—

The Petition of Samuel Bailey of Lebanon humbly sheweth

that your petitioner hath purchas'd afarm adjoining Conecticut River where there has been a ferry kept for several years likewise your petitioner has purchased the boats that has been Improved at s^d^ Ferry wherefore your petitioner humbly prayeth that your Hon^rs^ may take his Case under your wise consideration and grant to your Petitioner the Exclusive Right of a ferry from the mouth of white River to ye mouth of Mascame River being about one mile & an half to him and his Heirs and assigns and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray

Sam^ll^ Bailey

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 10, 1786, the foregoing petition was granted.—Ed.]

[6–40] [*Relative to the Charter of the Town, 1786.*]

State of Newhamp^re^

To the Honourable the Senate, & house of Representatives Convened at Concord, the first Wednesday in June 1786—

The Petition of the proprietors of Lebanon humbly sheweth, that in the year 1765—after the Charter, & Records of said Proprietors, ware Transposed, from Mansfield, (in the then Colony of Connecticut,) to said Lebanon, the said Charter, was kept by Lieu^t^ Levi Hyde, in a Chest, fill^d^ with Clothes, into which Chest some mice Got in, unperceived, & Doubtless ware lockt in, as two of them ware found Dead, in said Chest, some time after, & we suppose that in the time of their Confinement, they happened to find the way to said Charter, which was folded together; and did Eat, and Deface it: Considerably: yet not so as to Destroy it, as may appear on view thereof, and as there was an Exact Entry made of said Charter in the Records of said proprietors, (which we have sent by Robt Colburn Our Agent, to Satisfie your Honours of the truth of facts,) we humbly Conceive that your Honours will find no Reasonable Objection, against Your Honours Granting the Request of your petitioners; which is, that your Honours would please to Order the Secretary of said State to make an Entry of said Charter, in the Records of said State and as we Trust; that Justice & Equity, is the Grand and invariable Bases, of your Honours, Determinations, in all matters, and things that Relate to the State in General, as well as Single Communities; We the more Chearfully Crave your Honours Compliance with our Request; And as in Duty bound; Shall Ever pray—

Dated in said Lebanon This 10th Day of June, 1786—

Jno Wheatley Prop^trs^ Clerk—
By order of, & in behalf of s^d^ prop^trs^

[6-41] [*Relative to Town Boundaries, 1786.*]

To the Honble the Senate & House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire convened at Concord the first Wednesday of June AD 1786

The Petition of Elisha Payne of Lebanon in the County of Grafton Esqr agent for the Proprietors of the Township of Lebanon aforesaid, & Jesse Johnson of Hampstead in the County of Rockingham Esqr agent for the township of Enfield in said County of Grafton—Humbly shews that the Proprietors of Lebanon & Enfield aforesaid for the amicable settlement of divers suits & controversies have appointed your Petitioners as their Agents to request your Honors to empower & authorize three persons, hereafter to be named by your Petitioners, to be a Committee with full power & authority to settle & establish the boundaries & lines between the Towns aforesaid—And that if any person or persons who have purchased lands of any of the proprietors of Enfield should fall within the limits of the Township of Lebanon the said proprietors of Lebanon shall relinquish all right to such lands to such purchaser or purchasers upon their paying the value of said Lands estimating the same as wild unimproved Lands—& so vice versa if any person or persons who purchased lands of the proprietors of Lebanon should fall within the limits of Enfield.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

Concord 16th June 1786

Elisha Payne
Jesse Johnson

[In H. of Rep., June 16, 1786, the foregoing petitioners were granted "leave to bring in a bill." The following is the committee's report:—Ed.]

[6-42] [*Report of Committee on Boundaries, 1786.*]

State of New Hamp^{re} Grafton ss

Whareas we the Subscribers Being Oppinted a Committee by the Honor^{bl} General Assembly of said State to Establish the Boundaris between the towns of Lebanon and Enfield have meet acordingly upon said towns and after Due Examination of the Bounds and Lins of s^{d} towns of Lebanon and infield, Porceeded as foloweth firstly begain at a white Pine tree marked on the Easterly Bank of Conacutt River which is Caled the agreement tree between s^{d} Lebanon and Plainfield and thence mesured easterly on the line Between s^{d} Lebanon and Plainfield

six milds to a Stake and Stone Comonly Known by the name of Sumners Bound then Examined the Lins and Records Shewen us Between s^d^ Lebanon and Enfield and find a Bound Standing at the Northeasterly Corner of s^d^ Lebanon Comonnly Known by the name of the Birch tree but s^d^ tree being fell Down a Stake and Stons Eracted in the place whare said Birch tree stood; and we Do Establish the first said Stake and Stons Coled Sumnors Bound to be a Bound between s^d^ Lebanon and infield on the Southerly Side of s^d^ towns, and the said Birch tree (now Stake and Stons) to be the northerly Bounds between s^d^ Lebanon and infield and Do order that a Strat Line be Drawen between s^d^ Sumnors Bond and said Birch tree or Stake standing in the place of said Birch to be the Deviding Line between said Lebanon and said infield, and have Recommended to said Committee to settle with all Pursons who are on Land in ether of s^d^ towns which shall fall out of the town which he settled in the best way which thay Can acording to ower orders from s^d^ Gen^ll^ assembly

which is Humbly Submited

October ye 23: 1786—

Charles Johnston
Jeremiah Page } Committee
Moses Chase

[6-43] [*Certificate of Nails made, 1791.*]

This certifies that Daniel Robinson of Lebanon in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire has made or caused to be made three hundred thousand of wrought ten penny nails between the eighth day of Feby Anno Domini 1789 and the twentieth day of Jany current—

In Witness whereof the Selectmen of s^d^ Lebanon hereunto set their hands & Seals & the nearest justice of the peace countersigns this 28th day of Jany Anno Domini 1791

Jesse Cook } Selectmen
Stephen Billings } s^d^ Lebanon

Attest Aaron Hutchinson Jus. pacis

Feby 1791 Received an Order on the Treasurer for fifteen pounds—

Jon^a^ Freeman

LEE.

The township was set off from Durham Jan. 16, 1766, and incorporated with full town privileges, by the name of the "Parish of Lee." For petition, see Vol. XI, pp. 584, 586. "Joseph Syas Gent^{n}" was authorized to call the first meeting.

A dispute arose concerning the south boundary line of Lee and Durham, which was settled by an act approved June 19, 1818, establishing the line as follows: "A straight line from an ancient red oak tree, being the south corner bounds of the town of Nottingham, and the western boundary between said Lee and Epping, to a large picked rock in the south butment of Durham and Lamperell River bridge so called, beginning at said red oak tree, and running south eighty-three degrees east, nine hundred and fifty-five rods to the easterly line of Epping and the westerly line of Newmarket; thence the same course four hundred and eighty-seven rods to the westerly line of Durham, thence the same course six hundred and ninety eight rods to the aforesaid picked rock."

[R. 2-186] [*Relative to Edward Dearborn, Soldier: addressed to the General Court, 1778.*]

The Petition of Samuel Snell of Lee in the County of Strafford, & State afores^{d} most Humbly Sheweth, that on the 22^{d} of December last, one Edward Dearborn (brother to your petitioners wife) a Soldier belonging to Capt John Drew's Company in Col^{o} Hale's Regiment, in the Continental Service, who was wounded in Battle on the 7th of October last at Saratoga, came to your petitioners house in distressed Circumstances, a Musket Ball had pierced thro' his arm above his elbow, he was poor, without money or Friend to assist him unless your petitioner had taken care of him. * * *

Samuel Snell—

[He was attended by Dr. Marshall, of Lee, whose bill, amounting to sixteen dollars, he asked to have the state pay, and it was granted.—Ed.]

[R. 2-187] [*Edward Leathers's Order, 1784.*]

Lee Decr 10 1784

To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire—

Sir Please to pay Daniel Cook or order all that is due to My Sun Edward Leathers he having been a Soldier in the 2^{d} New Hampshire Reg^{t}—Value Rec^{d} Witness my hand

his
Witness— Edward X Leathers
mark

Joseph Chesle Sarah Chesle

[6-44] [*Dr. James Brackett recommended for a Magistrate, 1785.*]

To his Excellency the President and the Honble the Council of the State of New Hampshire—

The Petition of the Subscribers Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Lee in the County of Strafford, humbly Shews—

That many conveniences would attend the Appointment of another Justice of Peace in said town, the Justice already appointed living at one extreem part of said town which is large.—

We therefore humbly pray your Excellency & honours that Dr. James Brackett of said town may be appointed and commissioned a Justice of Peace for said county of Strafford and your petitioners as in duty bound shall pray—

Lee 6th August 1785—

Reuben Hill	Samuel Emerson	Miles Runels
Thomas Langley	Aaron Hanson	Richard Elliot
Saml Sawyer	George Shaw	Joseph Sias
Elijah Cartlan	Ebenezer Samborn	Paul Giles
George Tuttle	John Layn	Josiah Durgan
Samuel Mathes	Willi^{m} French	Jonath Clark
william gleden	Josiah Bartlet	Samuel gleden
Smith Emerson	Enoch folsom	Joseph Randel
Ranah Bickford	John Stevens	Timothy Langley
Aaron Davis	James Davis Junr	Joseph meder
George Dutch	Andrew Watson	John kinston
Jeremiah Lad	Samuel Smith	Clement Davis
Richard Martin	Micaih Bickford	John Davis
George Curtis	Anthony Pickerin	Elijah Fox
Miles Randel	James Smith	Joseph Follet
Josiah Dow	Job Runels	Levi Langley

James Pickering
William Waymouth
amos Furneld
Fracis Mathes
Josiah Bodge
Thomas Huckins
Micah Emerson
Samuel Watson
Asa Folsom
Winthrop Frost
Jonathan Thompson
Gideon Mathes
Beniamin Bodge
David Davis

[6–45] [*Assessment List for Taxes, 1787.*]

Joseph Sias Esqr
Samuel Emerson
Thomas Huckins
William Gledden
William Waymoth
Andrew Watson
Robert Thompson
Elijah Fox
George Dutch
Timothy Moses
Samuel Chapman
Enoch Folsom
Ens^{n} Samuel Smith
Ephraim Davis
Aaron Kinnison
William White
Ens^{n} Josiah Dow
Simon Huckins
Josiah Durgin Junr
John Bunker
George Curtis
Amos Fernald
John Mathes
David Rundlet
John Hide
Widow Sarah Huckins
Capt Reuben Hill
Samuel Watson
John Kennison
Charles Rundlet
William French
Jonathan Dow
Jonathan Runals
Widow Sarah Rawlins
Doct^{r} James Brackett
Edward Woodman
Jonathan Stevens
Lieu^{t} David Davis
Eliphalet York
Henry Tufts
Widow Mary Bryant
David Wiggin
Nathaniel Stevens Junr
John Davis Junr
Ens^{n} Josiah Burleigh
James York
Joseph Duda
Philbrook Barker
Lieu^{t} Zaccheus Clough
William Jenkins
Samuel Mathes
Miles Randel Esqr
Thomas Langley
John Davis
Aaron Hanson
Col^{o} Samuel Chesle
Capt Robert Parker
James Jenkins
Christopher Faxon
Capt Jonathan Langley
Lieu^{t} Miles Runals
Thomas Tufts
Thomas York
James Davis
Ichabod Hilton
John Tash
Lieu^{t} John Folsom
Nicholas Duda
John Stevens
Joseph Burleigh
Fernald Wallace
Job Randel
Ranah Bickford
John Mitchel
Ebenezer Harvey
Ebenezer Hill
John Randel
Benjamin Elliot
Thomas Langley Junr
Benjamin Clark
Daniel Chesle
John Snell
Lieu^{t} Aaron Davis
Lemuel Chesle
Joseph Clay
Capt John Layn
Aaron Leathers
John Glover Junr
Solomon Emerson Esqr
Simon Randel Junr
Isaiah Williams
John Leathers
Joseph Clay Junr
Paul Leathers
Nathaniel Callwell
Thomas Noble
Micah Emerson
Moses Davis Junr
Israel Babb
Joseph Randel
George Shaw
Samuel Thompson
John Pitman
Benjamin Jones
Maj^{r} John Demerit
Simon Randel
Benjamin Bodge

Thomas Tuttle
Moses Davis
John Page
Thomas Kinnison
Thomas Rawlins
John Hill
Jeremiah Ladd
Francis Mathes
Joseph Roberson
Joseph Tuttle
Josiah Batchelder
Benjamin Mathes
Widow Susanna Durgin
Joseph Emerson
Tobias Cartlan
Widow Abigail Pickering
Josiah Kinnison
Joseph Meeder
Gideon Mathes
Joseph Cartlan
Jonathan Rawlins
Lieu^{t} Joseph Brackett
Josiah Durgin
William Rawlins
James Brackett
Samuel Sawyer
Joshua Burnham Junr
Dennet Waymoth
Samuel Gledden
Phinehas Sanborn
Winthrop Wiggin
Lieu^{t} Asa Folsom
Thomas Badger
Mark Spinney
John Rundlet
Jeremiah Dutch
Peletiah Thompson
Samuel French
Capt George Tuttle
Nathaniel Stevens
Ens^{n} Jonathan Thompson
Lieu^{t} Job Runals
Nathaniel Clough
Samuel Hill
Samuel Bickford
Ebenezer Jones
Daniel Shaw
Capt Josiah Bartlet
Ebenezer Burnam
Capt Timothy Emerson
Ricard Elliot
William Bly
Richard Martin
Elias Critchet
Ebenezer Randel
John McCrillis
Lieu^{t} Andrew Hilton
Samuel Durgin
Capt Hubartus Neal Junr
James Pickering
James Davis Junr
Samuel Burleigh
Jacob York
Hunkin Dame
William Laskey
Samuel Langley
Lieu^{t} Paul Giles
Joseph Follet
Widow Mary Jones
Ens^{n} Micajah Bickford
Clement Davis
Eli Furber
Samuel Williams
John Jenkins
Nathaniel Hart
Hunkin Faxson
Walter Philbrook
Daniel Smith
Thomas Hill
Dodifer Plummer
David Munsey
John Williams
Wille Hill
Matthias Jones
Anthony Jones
William Leathers
Solomon Emerson Junr
Timothy Glover
Josiah Bodge
Moses Lamos
Samuel Clay
Ezra Clark
Deacon Joshua Burnham
John Sias
James G Bunker
Jonathan Warner Esqr
Elijah Cartlan
Benjamin Elliot
Joseph Chesle
Capt Smith Emerson
Edward Leathers
Widow of Joseph Stevens
John Jones
John Williams Junr
Edward Hill
William Callwell
Andrew Torr Esqr
Ebenezer Thompson Esqr
Widow Lois Pinkum
David Munsey Junr
Ezekiel Wille Junr
Nathaniel Randel
Isaac Williams
Ebenezer Chesle
Gideon Garland
Robert York
Lieu^{t} Winthrop Frost
Timothy Langley

A true Coppy Attest—

Josiah Dow } Select Men
James Brackett } of Lee

[The original list contains the amount of "Foreign Debt, Domestic Debt, State Debt," assessed against each man.—[Ed.]

[6-46] [*Notice of a Meeting of Alarm-men, 1787.*]

State of New Hampshire—

The Gentle-Men belonging to the alarme List in the Parish of Lee are Desired to attend at the House of Elijah Cartlan in said Parish on Tuesday the Seventeenth Day of April Current at Two of the Clock in after Noon, For to Chuse the Necessary officers for to Command said Company

Nottingham April 4th 1787

Thos Bartlett: B. General

[*Officers Chosen at said Meeting.*]

Strafford ss Lee April 17th 1787

at a Meeting Duly Notified & heald in Lee on the said 17th Day of april for the Choise of officers to Command the Company of alarame List in said Town the Votes being Called for & Brought in it appeared that George Tuttle was Chosen to Command said Company Capt John Layn for the Second officer Mr Josiah Dow for the third officer

attest Thos Bartlett B. G

[6-47] [*Job Runnels recommended for a Magistrate, 1789.*]

State of New Hampshire—Strafford ss—

We the Subscribers Do humbly petition that his Excelency and the hono Senate would Anominate and Appoint Lieut Job Runels of Lee to Be a Civil Magistrate in the Lower part of the Parish there being No justice of the piece within five Miles of the above Named & therefore we do humbly pray that your honours would Grattify our desires—

Dated at Lee this 19th December AD 1789

Richard Elliot	Jonathan Runals	Saml Hill
Jno Footman	Christor Faxon	Ebenezer Randel
Levi Langley	Amos Furnald	Abraham mathes
Samuel Smith	Saml Burley	John Sias
Sam Chapman	Valentine mathes	Clement Davis
John Chesley	Fancies Mathes	John Clough
Joseph Randel	Israel Bunam	John williams 3d

Samuel Follet
William Clough
Nathan Runels
Benj Elliot
Mark Hill
James Davis Se
Anthony Jones
Joseph Burley
Jonathan Runals Juner
Reuben Hill
Nathanel Stevens
David Davis
John Leathers
Miles Runels
Joseph Follet
Jonathan Randel
John Randel
Aaron Bickford
George Tuttle Juner
James Harvey
Thomas Langly
Daniel Watson
Pelatiah thompson
Josiah Burleigh
George Tuttle Sen
James Davis Jur
David Munsey Juner
Hunking Faxson
Jonathan Thompson
Thomas Langley
Mosses Firen
Nathaniel Stevens
Josiah Bodge
Josiah Durgin
Thomas Noble
Nathaniel Randel
Jacob York
Jonathan Stevens
John Drew
David Bunker

[6-48] [*Paul Giles recommended, 1789.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To his Excellency the President and the Honbl the privy Council of said State—

The Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Lee, finding great inconveniences arise from the want of a Civil magistrate near the Centre of business in said Town, would request your Excellency & Honor that some suitable person may be Commissioned of the peace—and if it would not appear too assuming, would beg leave to mention Capt Paul Giles as a man calculated to give universal satisfaction to the Inhabitants in said Office—

Your Excellency's & Honors attention to this request will greatly oblige Your very humble Servants—

Lee Octr 22d 1789.

Jonathan Thompson
William Jenkins
Andrew Hilton
Joseph Chesley
Saml Wigglesworth
Jonathan Dow
John Clough
John Jenkins
John williams Jur
Simon Huckins
William Waymoth
Simon Randel
Nathaniel Randel
John Snell
John Jones
Nathaniel Calwell
Winthrop Frost
Edward Leathers
Josiah Durgin
James Jenkins
Josiah Durgin Junr
William French
Dodavah Plumer
Josiah Huckins
David Davis
Daniel Chesle
Aaron Leathers
Edward Hill
Josiah Dow
James Davis Jur
Thomas Randel
George Dutch
Aaron Davis
Ranah Bickford
John williams
John Stevens
Clement Davis
Ichabod Whidden
John Chesle
John Sias

LEMPSTER.

The township was granted Jan. 1, 1753, to Samuel Clark Pain and others, by the name of Dupplin. This grant was made four days later than the grant of Acworth, and probably for the same purpose.

No settlements were made under this grant, neither were any attempted or expected. A re-grant of the territory was made Oct. 5, 1761, to Benadam Gallop and others. The conditions of this grant were not fulfilled in the matter of settlements, and another grant was made Jan. 5, 1767, to Dudley Woodbridge and others, in sixty-seven equal shares. Settlements were made under this grant, by people from Connecticut, about the year 1770; and in January, 1772, there were eight families in town, not enough, however, to comply with the conditions of the grant, and on the 21st day of that month the time for completing the settlement was extended three years. See petition, Vol. IX, p. 466.

By an act passed Dec. 27, 1791, the north-east part of the town was set off, and, with portions of Unity, Newport, Fishersfield (Newbury), Wendell (Sunapee), incorporated into the town of Goshen.

The jurisdictional line between this town and Washington was settled by an act approved Nov. 27, 1812.

[6–49] [*Relative to the Town's Quota of Soldiers, 1783.*]

To the Honourable General Assembly to be holden at Concord on tuesday the Twenty Eighth Day of this present October, we your Humble and Dutiful petitioners the Town of Lempster beg leave to lay before your Honours a matter Respecting an Extent now Against s^d^ Town for Sixty pounds the One half of which we pray may be taken of and we flatter our Selves that when your Honours Understand the matters as they are you will Release s^d^ Town therefrom the matters of fact are as follows that Some time in the Year 1778 we Received Orders from his Hon^r^ General Bellows to Join in with the Town of Acworth and Raise one man for three Years or during the war to serve for Both Towns and Accordingly we Agreed with one Mathew Grear for three years and paid s^d^ Grear About forty Pounds as our half of his bounty and Capt Keyes of Acworth Agreed to go with the s^d^ Grear to the muster master and have him mustered and set to the Town of Lemster but Contrary to

that had him set to the Town of Acworth and Returned for them and the s^d^ Grear in a few months After inlisted During the war whereby the Town of Lemster were intitled to the one half of s^d^ Grear and in 1782 Each Town made a Return of s^d^ Grear to the Committee of Safety and s^d^ Committee gave Us a Citation for s^d^ Acworth to Appear and give Reasons if any they have why the Town of Lemster should not hold s^d^ Grear but Advises us to Agree with s^d^ Acworth and we went and Agreed with the Selectmen of Acworth to have one half of s^d^ Grear Credited to s^d^ Lemster and the Other half to s^d^ Acworth Carried their Certificate for that purpose but the s^d^ Comittee said they could not Divide a man and so Laid the whole of s^d^ penalty on the Town of Lemster and now we Request no more of your Honours Only to Divide s^d^ Extent and The s^d^ Lemster to pay but One half as they that were of Acworth Requested the Honble Committee of Safety to, And we your Dutiful Petition Shall Ever pray—

Allen Willey
Jabez Beckwith } Select Men
Elijah Frink

[In H. of Rep., Nov. 8, 1783, the foregoing petition was granted.—ED.]

[6–52] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

The Number of Ratable Polls in the Town of Lemster Twenty one years old & upwards is fifty three to be Returned persuant to the with in Order taken by us

Allen Willey
Jabez Beckwith } Select Men
Elijah Frink

[6–53] [*Civil Magistrate wanted, 1785.*]

To the Houn^le^ Council—

Gentlemen—

as their is a Veakency in Lancaster for a Justice of the peace I as a Representative for that Town have taken Sum pains to Inquiar who is the fittest person for that Office, and the people Differ Sum in Sentiment—But Capt william Cary and mr Elijah frink is held up to Vew—as proper persons Either of them for that office—

Leaven it to your Honours to Apint One of them as you in your wisdom think fit—

Daniel grout

Concord febuary 17th 1785

[6–54] [*Assessment List, 1787.*]

To J T. Gilman Esqr Treasurer for the State of New Hampshire—A copy of the proportion of the Foreign Domestic & State Debt—for the Town of Lemster made by us the Subscribers—

Lemster June 5, 1787

Allen Willey, Jabez Beckwith, Elijah Frink } Select men

Allen Willey	Asa Hebard	Andrew Dodge
Abraham Davis	Alvin Roundye	Charles Willey
Benjamin Bushe	Barnabas Phelps	Charles Miner
Comfort Wilcox	Calvin Bingham	David Roberts
Daniel Chappel	Daniel Noyes	Elijah Abell
David Taylor	David Willey	Epaphras Booth
Elijah Bingham	Elijah Frink	Elijah Frink Jur
Eleazer Cary	Eliot Cary	Elisha Thacher
Eli Hull	Elizabeth Jackson	Gaml Huntington
Freegrace Booth	Francis West	Isaac Dodge
Harris Bingham	Hezekiah Huntley	Jabez Beckwith
Isaac Tatten	Israel Smith	Joshua Booth
James Bingham	Jabez Brainerd	James Rogers
Jabez Hurd	Jonathan Prentis	Jonathn Taylor
James Rich	John Scott	Luther Martin
John Way	John Way Jur	Nathan Scovil
Milan Hebard	Niles Beckwith	Oliver Booth
Nathaniel Way	Nathan Willey	Phinehas Abell
Oliver Cary	Oliver Booth Jur	Roswell Bingham
Philermon Andras	Peter Lowell	Reubin Willey
Richard Chapman	Resolved Wheeler	Saml Nichols
Shubael Hurd	Saml Huntly	Thos Eggleston
Saml Roundye	Silas Bingham	Uzel Hurd
Timothy Nichols	Urijah Brainerd	Willm Story
Vine Bingham	William Cary	
Zacheus Spencer	Allen Willey Jur	

Non-resident owners.—

Andrew French	David Wheler	John Ormsby
George Atkinson	John Sabens	Jacob Arnold

Joseph Beckwith	Joseph Wilcox	Jacob Spaulding
Jabez Avery[s] Hr[s]	James Hickey[s] Hr[s]	John Bachelor
John Langdon	John Ashley	Nath[l] Shaws Hr[s]
John Avery	John Perkins	Shubael Brainerds Hr[s]
Nathan Blake	Russel Miles Hr[s]	
Tho[s] Scovil	William Iseham	Israel Jennings
Eben[r] Spaulding	Eliph[t] Barkers Heirs	

[The original return shows the amounts assessed against each man.—Ed.]

[6–55] [*Relative to Town Boundaries, 1788.*]

To the Hon[l] General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire to be convened at Concord on wednesday the 13th day of June Instant. The Petition of the proprietors of the Towns of Lemster & Marlow Humbly sheweth—that the Eastern line of s[d] Towns being in such a Situation that they cannot be Affixed So as to give satisfaction without an Order from Your Hon[rs]—

therefore the prayer of Your Petitioners is that the Hon[l] Court make order that the Surveyor Gen[l] or his Dep[y] or a committee be Appointed to settle S[d] lines at the expence of S[d] proprietors or any other way your Hon[r] Shall Judge best to Answer the Above purpose—

and Your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Lemster Jan[r] 14, 1788.

Allen Willey
Jabez Beckwith
Elijah Frink
Lemuel Miller
Sam[el] Royse
Sam[ll] Canfield
} Proprietors Committees—

[6–58] [*Opposition to the North-east Corner Petition, 1790.*]

Lemster May 17, 1790

We the subscribers inhabitants of S[d] Lemster are opposers to the Petition which was presented to the General Court at their last Session praying that part of S[d] Town might be taken off and incorporated with part of Sundry other Towns mentioned in S[d] Petition

Jabez Beckwith	Tim[o] Miner	James Bingham
Phinehas Abell	Urijah Brainerd	Peter Porter
Elijah Bingham	James Rogers Jun[r]	Nath[l] Rogers

Sylvester Abell	Saml Nichols	Nath^{n} Scovil
Jabez Brainerd	Harris Bingham	Alvan Roundye
Eli Hull	Comfort Wilcox	Tim^{o} Nichols
Wm Isham	Jabez Hurd	Thos Egelston
Shubael Hurd	Saml Roundye	Barnabas Phelps
Cornelius Wheeler	Niles Beckwith	Hezekiah Huntly
Jonath^{n} Prentis	Wm Way	Oliver Booth Junr
Freegrace Booth	David Gordon	John Thacher
John Scott	Nathl Way	Daniel Bingham
Benjn Phelps	Richd Chapman	Barnabas Philps Jn^{r}
David Taylor	Abner Hoyt	Danl Noyes
Israel Smith	Jonath^{n} Taylor	Jonathan Booth
John Way	Benjn Way	Saml Ayers
Charles Miner	Elias Fisher	David Stoddard
John Sabin	Oliver Booth	Stickney Chase
Wm Cary	Oliver Cary	Wm Cary Junr
James Rogers	Josiah Rogers	Saml Roundye Junr

Uzel Hurd } Select
Daniel Chappel } men

[6–57] [*Remonstrance to having the North-east Corner set off, 1790.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To the Honorable House of Representatives in General Court to convene at Concord on the first Wednesday of January next—

The Petition of the subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Lemster liveing in that part of Said Town which is included by a plan which was exhibited to the General Court at their session in December last with a Petition signed by Daniel Grendell & Others: which Petition Requested the Honorable Court to incorporate the Teritory included by Said plan into a Township—Your Petitioners beg leave to inform your Honours that we are very unwilling to be incorporated as requested by the Above mentioned Petitioners that the line will divide our farms leaveing part in one Town and part in another: and if our cituation is remote from the center as is represented in the Above mentioned Petition: we would inform your Honors that we had much rather live in a remote part of the Town of Lemster than in a remote part of their intended new Township—Your Petitioners are sure that to divide the Town of Lemster will be a very material injury to our own Interests & to that of S^{d} Town in General—Therefore your Petitioners most Humbly request your Honors that the Petition of the Said Daniel Gren-

dell and others (so far as it respects S^d^ Town of Lempster) may not be granted and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever Pray

Lemster December 25. 1790—

Vine Bingham
Wm Story
David gordon
Calvin Bingham

[It seems that a petition had been presented to the legislature to have a new town formed from portions of Lempster, Unity, Newport, and what is now Sunapee and Newbury, but said petition and plan have not been found. The matter was presented to the legislature again, as may be seen by the following :—ED.]

[6–56½] [*Petition to have the North-east Part set off, and with other Territory incorporated into a Town, 1791.*]

To the Honrable Senate and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire to be Convened at Concord on the First Wednesday of June Next,

The Petition of us the Subscribers Inhabitens of Lempster being fully perswaded that the Northeast Corner of the Town of Lempster with a part of Sundry other Towns adjoining ought to be Incorporated into a Town for the Situation of the Inhabitants is Such that they cannot be accomodated without great Damage to the other parts of Said Town and in our opinion it will not hurt the Town of Lempster as the Situation of Lempster is Such but will leave it in a better Situation without them than it will to have Said Corner Continued as it now is and therefore your Petitioners are So fully Satisfyed that it will be for the Interest of this Town as well as for the Peace and happiness of the Same to have them Set of as Soon as may be as your Honours in your Wisdom Shall See fit. And it is our opinion that the Town of Lempster will not make any more Opposition against it, And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray,

Lempster May ye 24th 1791

John Thacher	Calven Frink	Allen Willey
Charles Willey	benj Annass	Ezra Miner
David Willey	Nath^ll^ Way	Israel Smith
Amasa Loveridge	Moses Huntley	John Hogg
Hezekiah huntle	Alexander Hogg	Silvanus Noyes

Benjamin Bushe	Resolved Wheler	Elijah Frink
Peter Lowell	Luther Frink	Elijah Frink Junr
Phinehas Abell	Sylr Abell	Elijah Abell

[6–62] [*Vote of the Town relative to the foregoing, 1791.*]

At a legal Town meeting of the Freeholders Inhabitants of the Town of Lemster held on Tuesday the 15 day of November 1791, in consequence of a Petition's being preferred to the General Court at their Session in June last Signed by William Story & others praying for part of Sd Town of Lemster to be Set of with part of Sundry other Towns—

A Vote being taken to see whether the Town were Opposed to haveing part of Said Town taken off as Set forth in the Above mentioned Petition it passed in the Affirmative by a large Majority

(A true copy)

Attest James Bingham Town Ck

Novr 21. 1791—

[*Vote of the Town of Newport relative to same.*]

This may Certify that we have received a petition signed by William Story and others Praying that a part of this Town may be incorporated with parts of several other Towns Unity Lempster Wendell Fishersfield and order of Court thereon

Newport October ye 10th 1791 at a Legal Town meeting on November the 7th the above petition and order of Court being Read and there was no objection against said Prayer being Granted

Jesse Lane } Selectmen
Uriah Wilcox } of Newport

[6–59] [*More Opposition.*]

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Lemster hereby certify that whereas we did not Attend & give our votes at a Town meeting held in Lemster on the 15, of Novr Instant to see whether the Town would Oppose a petition which was preferred to the General Court at their Session in June last Signed by Wm Story & others praying that part of Sd Town might be set off—and as we understand that the Town Voted to

Oppose the prayer of S^{d} Petition's being granted we do therefore fully Join with the Town in S^{d} Vote as we think it unjust & unreasonable that the prayer of S^{d} Petition so far as it Effects the Town of Lemster should be granted—

Lemster Novr 21- 1791—

Richard Chapman	Josiah Rogers	Cornelous Wheeler
Elias Fisher	Eli Hull	Jabez Beckith
Niles his X mark Beckwith	Jabez Brainerd	Vine Porter
	Benjn phelps	Barnas phelpes Jur
Sam^{ll} Silsby	Wm Isham	John Way
Benj^{a} Way	Thos Way	John Sabin

[Depositions of Peter Porter, Nathan Willey, Charles Willey, and Allen Willey were introduced, from which it appears that one reason why the town opposed the separation was the extra tax it would be on those who remained to support Rev. Elias Fisher. A compromise was effected, however, as will appear by the following document. Portions of the several towns were taken, and incorporated into a town by the name of Goshen, December 27, 1791.—Ed.]

[6-60] [*Portion proposed to be taken from Lempster to form a New Town.*]

The part taken from the Town of Lemster to begin at the Northwest corner of lot N° 25, 2^{d} division thence to the northwest corner of lot N° 29, of S^{d} 2^{d} division thence to the Northeast corner of S^{d} lot thence Southwesterly to the Southeast corner of lot N° 33 of the 2^{d} Division thence on a Strait line to the Northwest corner of the Town of Washington—

That the contract with the Revd Mr Elias Fisher be held sacred & fulfill'd by those persons liveing in S^{d} Lemster included within the lines Above mentioned in the same manner as tho they had remained a part of the Town of Lemster—

Agreed on by—

James Bingham for Lemster

Elijah Frink for the Petitioners

LINCOLN.

The township was granted January 31, 1764, to James Avery and others in seventy-one equal shares. It is a mountainous tract of land, and but few settlements have ever been made in the town, the population numbering but 66 in 1880.

[6–84] [*Petition for re-grant of Township.*]

Province of New-Hampshire

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Cap^{n} General, Governor & Commander in Chief, in & over his Majesty's Province of New-Hampshire & Vice Admiral of the same, & to the Honorable his Majesty's Council for said Province.

The Petition of Stephen Maynard of Westbury in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay & Associates unto your Excellency & Honors humbly shews,

That your Petitioner & Associates are desirous of settling a Tract of his Majesty's unappropriated Lands within said Province of New Hampshire of the Contents of six Miles square being the same Tract which was granted

to a humber of Grantees by the Name of Lincoln, who hav^{e} fail'd to fulfill any part of the Conditions of their said Grant it now remains forfeited & reverts to his Majesty Wherefore your Petitioner in behalf of himself & his said Associates humbly Prays your Excellency & Honors would be pleased to grant the Prayer of their Petitioner & that the said Tract of Land may be laid out by the Surveyor General & your Petitioner be thereby prepared immediately to settle the same under the usual condition of such Grants & your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Stephen Maynard In behalf of himself & his Associates

LISBON.

This township was first granted, August 6, 1763, to Joseph Burt and others by the name of Concord. This

grant was made, and the town thus named, nearly two years prior to the incorporation and naming of Concord in the county of Merrimack. Very nearly the same territory was again granted, January 31, 1764, to John Fansher and others, and named Chiswick. Why this grant was made does not appear. It seems to have been ignored, and the township regranted at the end of five years from the first grant, at which time, October 20, 1768, the grantees failing to fulfil the conditions of the same as to settlement, it was regranted to Leonard Whiting and others, in ninety-four equal shares, and named Gunthwaite. The boundaries of the latter grant varied somewhat from the former, but began and ended at the same place in both. Settlements were made by virtue of titles from the grantees of 1763, and some by virtue of titles from the grantees of 1768, which naturally led to a bitter controversy, as may be seen by the following documents. An act passed January 9, 1787, appointing Col. Charles Johnstone, of Haverhill, to call a meeting of the proprietors and inhabitants to choose officers to assess and collect the taxes, contained the following: "Provided nothing in this act, shall be construed to affect the title of any person claiming lands under either the Grant made to Gunthwaite or Concord." The town, which was incorporated in its last grant by the name of Gunthwaite, assumed the name of Concord, and in state papers was alluded to as "Concord alias Gunthwaite," and later as "Concord in the county of Grafton," until June 14, 1824, when it was changed to Lisbon by the legislature.

By an act approved June 23, 1859, all that part of Landaff lying north-west of Ammonoosuc river was annexed to this town.

[6–85] [*Representatives chosen to attend the Convention at Lebanon, 1777.*]

At a meating of the Inhabitants of Gunthwaite Held att the House of Capt John Young
Jany 30th 1777
1st Voted Mr John Young Jr Chairman of Sd meeting
2ly Capt Luther Richardson Clerk
3d Voted that we send a Committee in Conjunction
With the United Committees of the County of
Grafton to treat with the assemblies Committee att

Lebenon on the 13th of Feby Next on the adjournmt
Of the Counties Committee To bee held at that time
And place
4th Chose Capt John Young & Mr John Young jr
To Represent us at Sd Committees Meeting
5th Voted that a Coppy of our proceedings bee
Transmited to the assemblies Committee as
Soon as may Bee

John Young Chairman

To The Assemblies Committee In Behalf of the Town of Gunthwaite

John Young Committee
Luther Richardson Clarck

[6-87] [*Statement of Condition of the Town and Service in the War, 1786.*]

State of New-Hampshire Grafton ss Jany 12th 1786

To the Honl General Court of said State to be Convend at Portsmouth on the first Wednsday of February Next by Adjournment—

The petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Concord in said County Humbly sheweth—That at the commencement of the late war with Great Britain there were very few setlers in said Town as by Return herewith Exhibited may appear—all which had then very latly moov'd there from various parts of the Differant States—and it is well known that men of fortune seldom turn out into uncultivated parts of the Country—therefore conceive it unnessary to make mention that we were poor as well as few in number at that time Notwithstanding when the noise of war was heard in this part of the State almost Every man in this Town turn'd out in Defence of the Cuntry, and march'd to Canada under the Command of Genl Mont Gomery for the term of six months,—that a number of them Inlisted in the service for the year 1776—at the close of which several persons Inlisted for three Years and During the war—some of whom Died in service and left their families in very poor Circomstances—

That we never suppos'd any of those persons which in fact went from this Town could be turn'd over for any other Town untill we had Credit for our proportion therefore rested very easy knowing that we had more than could possably fall to our Quota of soldiers in service—

That we living in the Exterior part of the State Exposd to

the Ravage of the savage Enemy who were dailey scouting among us, having the promise of Bounties for prisoners scalps &c were many times cal'd out on alarms leaving women and Children to hide in the woods to suffer the fear of being slain by the Enemy

That we built a fort in said Town (which cost at least one Hundred pounds to shelter ourselves in) at our own Expence—

That had it not been for poverty (which in many Instances is mens only protection) we should have left the Town and very probably the State long before the close of the war—

That Notwithstanding the distresses and Difficulties we have Gone through in time of war as aforesaid; we are inform'd that there is now an Extent out Ready to be serv'd on the Selectmen (if to be found) in said town to the amount of two Hundred and sixteen pounds and twelve shillings for want of our proportion of soldiers in said war—and that there are very large charges against us for arrears of Taxes—

all of which we humbly conceive is very unjust Therefore most humbly pray that your Honours would take our singular and distressed case under Your wise and serious Consideration and Grant us such Redress and Relief respecting the premises as to your Honours may appear just and your petitioners will Ever pray &c

At a Meating of the Inhabitants of this town—Voted that Major Samuel Young be Requested to proceed to Portsmouth in Concert with our Representative at the Session of the General Court on the first Wednesday of February Next—and lay the foregoing Petition before said Court—and doubt not but every attention will be paid thereto that the nature of the case Demands—

Joseph Dexter	Caleb Dexter	Lemuel Dexter
Willm Belknap	Josiah Whitcomb	John Whitcomb
Benj^a Whitcomb	John Johnson	Sam^ll Jameson
Paul Robbins	Edward Mardin	John Hasseltine
Philip Vorback	Samuel martain	Joseph Haynes
Timothy Bayley	Jesse young	Josiah Bishop
Robert Kay	David Young	

[6–88] [*Statement of Town Affairs, 1787.*]

State of New Hampshire Grafton ss—

Concord June 12th 1787—

To the Honorable General court of said state now setting at Concord in the county of Rockingham & state aforesaid—
Humbly sheweth—

That the proprietors & Inhabitants of said Concord setled before the late war & kept up thier settlement during the same at great risque, trouble & expence on alarms scouts & building forts & garrisons & in supplies &c—

That the Inhabitants, by reason of persons living among us unfriendly to the revolution, & by means of the Vermont faction—were not organized with town officers till within a few years nor represented in the gen[l] Court, in consiquence of which they laboured under very heavy arrears of Taxes—that the Inhabitants within two years last past have been at great expence, after gitting leagally organized with Town Officers, in collecting this arearage for about two years back—stating their extra Accounts of expenditures during the war & in supporting their agents at the gen[l] Court about one hundred Days, to effect a redress of greivences they labored under—so that the gen[l] Court in consideration of their expenditures, & in full of their accounts were induced on the 2[d] of March 1786 to pass a resolve abating about one half of their arrearages—& enabling the select men of said Concord to assess the remainder which was done & committed to the constable to collect accordingly, who having collected a considerable part thereof & got through the necessary rules established by law in order for compleatting the same, they found themselves surprisingly defeatted by an obscure Intricate unintilligible, & as we conceive an unconstitutional act passed at the instigation of one Leonard Whiting, calling himself agent of the proprietors of Gunthwaite —& by the more subtle insinuations of his advocate in framing said act in a very different maner from what was necessary to releive from the grievence stated in their pitition Or the prayer of the same thereby involving your petitioners in matters & consequences affecting the peace & quiet of society & the titles to the land they live upon, & to plunge them unnessarily into numerous long tedious & oppressive law suits which we believe was not the Intention of the Legislature, but incompassed by the intrigues of said Whiting, and his Advocate notwithstanding it is expresly declared in the last clause of said act that nothing therein contained shall any way effect the title of the different Claimants to said Township—But to what purpose is it to declare in an act that it shall not effect title to lands when the oppuration thereof will immediately turn the possessors out of their Habitations into the uncultivated woods—and your petetioners are still more surprized when they experience the purposes, said act is used to effect,—owing to the Intricacy or unintelligableness thereof, as no inhabitant upon the primises was allowed to vote at said meeting unless he wood acknowledge himself a holder of land under the regrant, when at the same time one person & a Non Resident was allowed to carry

twenty six votes without shewing title under either Concord or Gunthwaite, or that there ever was a grant by the name of Gunthwaite or that the persons he said he acted for were grantees, if there had been such a grant & the Inhabitants possessing large farms were denied the privilage of carrying one vote because they wood not acknowledge thier title to be under gunthwaite grant, which they did not know ever existed nor was it shewn in said meeting—your petitioners humble conceive that the Intintion of the legislature in said act was that every Inhabitant upon the premises shood have equal right to vote in said meeting with any Other Individual that might appear there let his intent or agency be more or less, as no order was made in said act to vote according to Intirest—

Your petitioners further beg leave to Observe to your honours that the meeting was called on the 23d of May last, and without any Clerk being chosen to record their doings, as expresly pointed out in & by said act, the meeting was declared by the moderator to be adjournd when a great Majority was against the adjournment to the Eleventh of June then next at one of the clock afternoon; & although we supposed the adjournment wood be Illegal the Inhabitants attended at time & place & there waited untill after five Oclock then withdrew to their respective homes, at about six Oclock, the Moderator & three persons not residents in this Town appeared and said they had a right to negative all the Inhabitants of the Town if they were present and at about seven Oclock sd Meeting was opened & the Moderator proceeded and a number of the Inhabitants not present for reasons aforesaid all of which we humbly conceive to be directly contrary to the laws of this state, wherefore your petitioners pray that your honours wood repeal said act and declare the doings thereon to be nul & void or make the same Intiligable in such a way & manner as your petitioners may enjoy their natural rights & town privileges as the law and Constitution in such cases made & provided directs—

and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Isaac Moore a nonresident Pror of Five Rights
John Bayley do
Jacob Bayley by Power from Carter Ward Apthorp owning twenty five rights under Concord—
Nath Chamberlain Nonresident Propriir for 6 Rights—

Eliphalet Northey	Jotham Shearman	John Haseltine
Joseph Haynes Jr	John Whetcomb	Reuben Chaffin
Joseph Haynes	James Shearman	James Smith
Philip Vorbach	Edward mardin	Robert Kay
David young	Joseph Dexter	Benja Whetcomb

Sam[l] Young	Asa young	Samuel jameson
Josiah Whetcomb	Ebene[r] Richardson	Caleb Dexter
Ozias Caswell	John Young	Lemuel Dexter
Reuben Shearman	John Vorbach	David Northey
John Jewett	Nathaniel Jewett	Sam[ll] Hoyt
Joseph Jewett	david jewett	

I Benjamin Sawyer of lawful age, & Disinterested person testify & say that I was at the House of Major Samuel young in Concord alias Gunthwaite on the eleventh day of June Current at work & when I came in to Dinner a number of the Inhabitants of said Town were assembled at said youngs, and I understood that it was on account of an adjourned Meeting of the Proprietors & Inhabitants of said Town to be holden at one Oclock on said day, and about six or Seven Oclock on the same Day I was present & many objections was made by the Inhabitants to the Meeting going on, & the following are some of the objections, namely first because there was, nor could be, no legal Record of the adjournment as no Clerk was chosen at the first meeting—2[d] because a great number of the Inhabitants had withdrew to their homes at about half after five oclock the Moderator not then being present &[c] and one Captain Leonard Whiting urged that the Meeting should go on—saying if all the Inhabitants were present he alone had a right to negative them, the Moderator accordingly proceeded, & no one was allowed to vote unless he could be made sattisfied he owned an Interest in Gunthwaite under the Proprietors thereof, & in that case to vote in proportion to his or their Interest, which proceedings was protested against by a number of the Inhabitants—

Benj[a] Sawyer

Grafton ss Haverhill June 15th 1787—

Personally appeared Benjamin Sawyer signer of the foregoing Deposition & after due caution made solemn oath to the truth of the same, Coram

Jer[h] Eames Just. Peace

[6–89] [*John Young relative to Town Affairs, 1789.*]

State of New Hampshire June 22[d] 1789—

To the Honorable General Court of said State now seting at Concord—

Humbly sheweth the Proprietors and Inhabitants of Concord in the County of Grafton—That in consideration that the said Proprietors, who are Setlers, & the other Inhabitants had during the late war made many Exertions in defending themselves

against the common Enemy, the General Court of said State were Induced, on the 2d day of March 1786 to pass a Resolve abating about one half of their Taxes, and enabling the Selectmen to Collect the remainder from the Proprietors,—that said Selectmen took the necessary steps for Collecting the same,—That afterward, namely on the 6th day of Jany 1787 the General Court passed an act at the request of Leonard Whiting Esqr nullifying the proceedings of said Selectmen upon said Resolve, and making the said Inhabitants liable to pay the same again, if the proceedings thereon shall be considered to be according to the Spirit & meaning of said Act,—Your Petitioners beg leave to make known to your Honors that a Meeting by virtue of said Act was cal'd on the 23d day of May last & by the Moderator declar'd to be adjourn'd to the eleventh day of June then next, without any Clerk being chosen as expressly pointed out in & by said Act—That notwithstanding we conciev'd no legal Meeting could be holden by virtue of such Decleration, the Inhabitants attended at one Oclock on the said eleventh day of June which was the Hour that the Moderator declar'd said Meeting to stand adjourned to and tarried there until half after five Oclock, then a considerable number of said Inhabitants withdrew to their respective homes, at six Oclock the Moderator appear'd, & three persons with him, who are not residents in said Town, at Seven Oclock the Meeting was opened much against the will of your Petitioners, & the Moderator suffered said Nonresidents to vote by Rights as in Propriety Meetings, which we Concieve was not agreeable to the Spirit and meaning of said act, by means of which a Clerk was chosen liveing out of said Town, a Major part of the assessors live out of Town, & the Collector in Holles in the County of Hillsborough,—and if the proceedings of said Meeting is consider'd to be legal our Incorporation which has ben had according to Law is totally set aside,—Your Petitioners would further beg leave to add, that at the time of passing said act it was not pretended that any thing therein Contain'd should prevent any legal voters in town meetings from having equal right to vote for the choice of their officers, & if there was to be a negative by any one person against all the Inhabitants why were they Notify'd of said Meeting; was it to see a man living an Hundred and forty miles from said Town carry on a Meeting in just such way as he might have done in his own Chimney Corner, for was not the Laws as Good for enabling the Proprietors of one Town to call Propriety Meetings as another, if so then what need was there for passing a Special Law for them, could they not have cal'd a Proprietors Meeting without said Act, to raise money could they not have applyed it for what purposes they pleas'd, & was there any danger of the Lands being sold for payment of

Taxes if they were paid without such sale,—but perhaps it may be said there is no Danger of said Act being used to affect any bad purposes, but how can your Honors Determine whither it will or not, as there is a Dispute concerning the property; then ought there to be any act of the Gen[l] Court against either of the Grants we do not mean to Impute any thing to Your Honors in passing said act, but only pray you to consider whether it is such an one as our Constitution will warrent,—& although the greatest part of the Rights under the Regrant, are own'd by persons who have left the States and join'd the Enemy thereof they expect to make use of said act to Eject the Setlers under the Original Charter, or in some way git an advantage against them, notwithstanding we have many of us ben Residents through the late war, & although not one of the Regrantees were in Town during the same,—

Therefore your Petitioners pray your Honors to take thier case under your wise consideration & Repeal said Act & declare the doings thereon to be nul & void, or otherwise order & Determine as may appear just & your Petitioners will ever pray,—

in behalf of the Petitioners—

John Young agent

[6–90] [*John Young wants a Patent for Building Chimneys, 1791.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To the Honorable General Court of said State holden at Portsmouth on the thirtieth day of November 1791—

Humbly sheweth John Young of a place caled Concord in the County of Grafton in the State aforesaid—that Your Petitioner has invented and found out a method & Art of building Chimnies, & of altering those already built, which will render Chimnys built & altered according to his plan, intirely certain of drawing Smoke—which art is new and has never been practised in this State, nor to the knowledge of your Petitioner, in any part of the *world*—that the publication of said art would be of great utility to the public not only as it respects the *moral* certainty of Chimnies drawing Smoke when built & altered according to said plan—but also as it respects the vast saving of that very costly article, of fire-wood, which may be made by having Chimnies built upon said plan—because that when Rooms are tight & well finished, the Chimnies will draw smoke as well, or better than in Houses & Rooms open & cold—wherefore Your Petitioner pray Your Honors to take the premises

into consideration, & Grant him his heirs & assigns the Sole & exclusive previledge of building and altering Chimneys according to his plan within this State forever or for such term of time as Your Honors please, or take such order respecting the same as shall appear most proper & Your Petitioner will ever pray

Portsmouth Novr 30th 1791—

John Young

The Committee on the within Petition report that the prayer be so far granted that an exclusive right be given to the Petitioner for fourteen years & that he have leave to bring in a Bill according—

W. PAGE for the Committee

[In H. of Rep., Dec. 2, 1791, the foregoing report was accepted, and on Dec. 12, an act was passed granting John Young the exclusive right of building chimneys in the way described as his invention.—Ed.]

[6–86] [*Capt. Samuel Young's Petition, 1797.*]

To the Honble Senate and House of Representatives convened at Concord & now setting—

The Petition of Saml Young of Concord in the County of Grafton humbly shews that on or about June 1775 your Petitioner for and at the request of the Inhabitants of Concord and other adjacent Towns, made application to the then new hampshire Congress for ammonition to defend themselves from the ravages of the enemy that he received a cask of Powder and gave his receipt or note therefor to be paid if it was not wanted for publick use, lead & flints your Petitioner purchased & transported them to said Concord with the Powder and deposited said powder lead & flints in the Custody of Capt Richardson who was to deliver the same to the Soldiers of his Company if it appeared necessary.—

that said ammonition was made use of in alarms—that in the year 1776 soon after the defeat of General Montgomery your Petitioner marched to Canada, that fire arms for part of his Company could not be obtained that on my arrival at St Johns I made application to the Commanding officer of that Garrison for Guns—he Informed your Petitioner there was no spare arms in that garrison, but gave directions to purchase Guns of the Soldiers who had them & were discharg^{d} & on their march home your petitioner purch^{d} twenty six of s^{d} Guns for the use of his Company and gave from eight to twelve dollars apiece

for them—that when your petitioners Comp'y was discharged he agreed with a wagoner to transport said guns from Mount Independence to Charlestown N° 4 had made a chest & put them therein on which Gen[l] Gates ordered that they should be deposited in the stores or Magazines for the use of the Army and that your petitioner should receive pay therefor from the state of New hampshire, your petitioners situation was such that he was obliged to purchase said Guns as he had received marching orders from the commanding officer at S[t] Johns & was obliged to deposit them in the public stores & has not yet been able to git any settlement or pay therefor. * * *

Concord 12th June 1797

Sam[l] Young

[An arrangement was made by the legislature, June 15, 1797.—Ed.]

LITCHFIELD.

The territory embraced in this town was a portion of the old Dunstable grant, made by the government of Massachusetts Bay, Oct. 16, 1673, O. S. (Oct. 27, 1673, N. S.). Several "farms" had been granted in this vicinity prior to this; one, of territory now in Litchfield, was granted to William Brenton, who was afterward governor of New Jersey, and the locality was known as "Brenton's Farm." At the time of the Dunstable grant, the Naticook Indians occupied the locality now known as Thornton's Ferry, and relinquished their claim to the Dunstable grantees for a small sum of money.

In 1732 all of the Dunstable grant lying east of Merrimack river was incorporated by the government of Massachusetts into a town by the name of Nottingham, which in 1734 was divided, and the north part incorporated by the name of Litchfield. The settlement of the province line in 1741 decided the territory to be in New Hampshire; and in answer to a petition from the inhabitants, the town of Litchfield was incorporated by the governor and council of that province, June 5, 1749,—the town of Nottingham being thereafter designated as Nottingham West until its name was changed to Hudson in 1830.

Settlements were made in the part of Dunstable now in this town about the year 1720, by families from Billerica and Chelmsford.

Hon. Wyseman Claggett, who resided in town during the latter portion of his life, was attorney-general of the province from 1765 to 1769; of the state from 1776 to 1778, and again in 1781; a member of the council in 1776 and in 1781. He died Dec. 4, 1784, at the age of 63.

[6-68] [*Warrant for Town-Meeting, 1743.*]

Province of New Hampshire—

To William Reed Constable for the District of Litchfield on the East side of the River Greeting

You are hereby Required in His Majesties Name to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the District of Litchfield on the East Side the River to meet and conven at the Meeting house in Litchfield upon Munday the thirty first Day of oct^{r} Instant at two of the clock in the after Noon then and ther when Meet—

To See if the District will Chouse one man or more to go to Portsmouth to the General Court to make answ^{r} to a Petition Nath^{ll} Hills James Hills John Robinson and others have Lodged theire and to Impower the s^{d} man or men that may be chosen with full power to act in Behalf of the District in aney affier as he or they so chosen Shall think convenent—

and See that You make Due Return of this warrant and your doings thereon to our Selves before or upon the day and time before mentioned as You will Answer Your Default at Your Perrell—

Given Under our hands and Seal Dat^{t} at Litchfield the 24th Day of oct^{r} anno Dom. 1743 and in the Seventeenth Year of his Majesties Reign—

A True Copy Examined by me—

John Bradshaw Town Clerk

Thomas Karr } Selectmen
John Usher }

By virtue of this warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the District Called Litchfield on the East Side of Merrimack River

William Reed Constable

A True copy Exam^{d} by me John Bradshaw Town Clerk

[*Vote at said Meeting.*]

At a Town Meeting Regualery assembled at Litchfield on octr ye 31t 1743—

Voted that John Bradshaw be moderator for sd meeting—

Voted that Jos Blanchard Esqr and Decn John Cummings and mr James Nahor be a Comitte to make answer to a Petition that Nathll Hills James Hills and John Robinson and others have made to ye Greate & Gerneral Court of ye province of New Hampshire to answer to sd Petitioners

A True copy Examined by me—

John Bradshaw Town Clerk

[The petition of Nathaniel Hills and others, referred to in the foregoing, was for the purpose of obtaining a charter for a town to comprise the north part of Nottingham and the south part of Litchfield, which did not succeed. See Vol. IX, pp. 468–471.—Ed.]

[6–69] [*Relative to paying Rates in two Towns, 1746.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Governor &c the Honle his Majestys Council & Assembly in Genll Court Conveined at Portsmouth in New Hampshire April 1746—

The Petition of us the Subscribers Inhabitants of that tract of land formerly in the town of Dunstable lately Incorporated into a District Called Litchfield & in that part of sd District which Interferes with Londonderry bounds According to the late runing per Mr Walter Briant—

That ye Petitioners Setled under the Grants of ye Massachusetts Bay And have Continued to pay their Rates to Litchfield by whome their poles and Estates was with Litchfields Envoice Returned to this Honle Court but so it is that this Last Year notwithstanding they were Rated as Usual to Litchfield And there pay'd their full proportion to town minister And Province Taxes yet thay were also Rated in Londonderry and by their Constables Destrained for the same & have paid it as per Rec which your Petitioners Humbly Apprehend a great Hardship and know of no Relief unless your Excellency & Honrs should see meet to Relieve us—

Wherefore your Petitioners Humbly pray You to Consider the premises & direct that One of the sd Towns Return the

rates Rec^{d} as aforesaid or Otherwise relieve us as may seem meet & y^{r} Peti^{n} as in Duty Bound shall pray &c—

Ebenezer Spauldyng
stephen spauldyng
william butterfield
lennard commins

[6-70] [*James Hills's Receipts, 1745.*]

Litchfield January ye 22^{d} 1745

Received of m^{r} Ebenezer Spaulding the Sum of Three Pounds old Tenor being in full of one List of Rates to me to Collect bearing Date June ye 28th 1745

Rece^{d} by me—

James Hills Constable

[6-71]

Litchfield Jenewary the 29 1746

recvied of Ebenezer Spolding for town and provence reats the Sum of three Ponds and Euight Shillings old tener I Say recvied by me—

James Hills Constable for Litchfield

[R. 2-188] [*Invoice of Lieut. Pelatiah Russell's Equipments Lost in the Service, 1757.*]

A Good new Beaver hatt tow new worsted Caps and one Linnen one tow new Linnen Shirts and one Wollen Shirt three good Jackets and one Coat and tow Pair of Leather Breetchis three Pair of Stockings and one Pair of Shoes and one Pair of Mogezens one Silk-hankerchief and one Cotten hankerchief and a Gun and Snapsack and Powder horn—

Province of New Hamp^{r}—

September 23^{d} 1758

Then Olive Russell of Litchfield in the Province of New Hampshire Widow personally appeared and made solemn Oath that the articles of Cloathing above mentioned is a just and true acc^{t} of what her Late Husband Lieut: Pelatiah Russell carried along with him when he went from home in the Province service in the year 1757

Sworn Before Math^{w} Patten Just: Peace

[In H. of Rep., Sept. 30, 1758, "Voted That there be allowed £100. In full for this acco^t & In full for three months wages allowed him as a Gratuity, being Carried a prisoner to Canada." Council concurred.—ED.]

[R. 2-189] [*Capt. John Parker's Petition, 1776.*]

[John Parker stated that he commanded a company in Col. Bedel's regiment in Canada in September, 1775, "That upon his return home, three of his Company Viz^t Aaron Quimby, Ebenezer Collings & Daniel Murray, exhibited a Complaint to your Honors ag^st your Petitioner for an overcharge in his Muster Roll &c" He asked for a hearing, which was granted.—ED.]

[Rev. Pap., p. 35] [*Litchfield Men at Ticonderoga Alarm, 1777.*]

Abstract of a Pay Roll of a Number of men who marched from Litchfield for Ticonderoga on the Alarms June 29th & July 6th [1777]

David McQuig	Ensign	£1, 12, 0
Wm Patterson	Serg^t	2, 8, 9
James Darrow	Private	2, 7, 2
Willian Barker	do	2, 7, 2
William Read	do	2, 7, 2
Oliver Emerson	do	2, 7, 2
Jacob Kendel	do	2, 7, 2
Thomas Whittle	do	2, 7, 2
Zechariah Holden	do	2, 7, 2
James Harrod	do	2, 7, 2
John Eaton	do	2, 7, 2
Samuel Chase	Major	2, 14, 4
Samuel Cochran	Capt	2, 14, 4
Joseph Barns	Private	2, 14, 4
James Nahur	do	2, 14, 4
Simeon Chase	do	2, 14, 4
James Hildreth	do	2, 14, 4

Exam^d J. Gilman—

[6–72] [*Relative to being classed for Representative, 1780.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To the Honble the Council and Gent^{n} of the Honble House of Representatives in Genl Assembly at Portsmouth Convened 13th October 1780

The humble Petition of the several Inhabitants of Litchfield in the County of Hillsborough & State aforesaid, whose names are hereunto set and subscribed.

Sheweth that upon taking up Government the said Litchfield was joined to Nottingham West, for the purpose of chusing a person to represent them in General Assembly, And Altho at the time of such Junction there was a great Majority in favour of said Nottingham as their members greatly exceeded Litchfield, Yet were your Pet^{rs} content at that time.

But now so it is, May it please Your Honors that by Act of Genl Assembly, many Families from Londonderry claim, have been added lately to said Nottingham West, so that that Town now consists of upwards of 100 families, and Litchfield of little more than 40, By means of which inequality Your Pet^{rs} are always liable to be out numbered and out voted (if the Inhabitants of said Nottinghman West shall see fit), and to lose all benefit and priviledge of Election.

Your Pet^{rs} therefore pray leave to bring in a Bill, whereby to seperate them from said Nottingham West, and that they may be joined in future for the purpose aforesaid to the Neighbouring Town of Derrifield, between which & them there is a good understanding and with whom Your Pet^{rs} will stand more upon a Par And that as to the place of Election a Preference may be given to such of the two towns as shall pay most taxes to Government

And shall ever pray—

James Nahor Ju^{r}
Jon^{a} Parker } Selectmen
John Parker Ju^{r}

Wyseman Clagett	Samuel Cotton	Daniel kendall
Simon McQuesten	Thomas Whittle Jun	Abel Senter
David ^{mc}Quig	Timothy Kendall	Joseph Chase
Robt Parker	Wm Danforth	Thos Russell
William ^{mc}Questen	Gershom Harvell	William Parker
Joseph Reed	William Read	Josiah Richardson
John Cochran	Samuel Cochran	Daniel Blodget
Josiah Richardson J^{r}	Benj^{m} Blodgett	joshua Blodget
Samuel senter	James Underwood	Robt Darrah
Jacob Whittemore	John Harvell	William Patterson
Peter Patterson	Daniel Bixby	John Parker

The Committee appointed on Matters similar to those set forth in the within Petition beg leave to report their opinion that Litchfield & Derryfield be joined in the Precept to send a Representative to the next General Court

Geo: Atkinson for the Com^ee

[The report was accepted, and Litchfield and Derryfield were classed for a representative.—ED.]

[6–73] [*James Underwood relative to some confiscated Estates, 1780.*]

Litchfield 27th June 1780

Mr Speaker—

Sir—

The Committee have Yesterday finished the Sales of Zacheus Cuttlers personal Estate have been to Col^o Bauldwin the Agent or Trustee of said Estate and find he will Only pay or alow us our Costs in takeing an Inventory Vendueing &c of s^d Estate when we have Don the Business through this County taking Inventory Leaseing out &c that Estate being sold thereby procured money to Discharge our Expence in our Duty & what money was Overplush put into the State Treasury we now desire the Court would now take some Order that we may make a final setlement and be properly discharged as I have been three times to Exeter to settle that matter, with that of Col^o Lutwyches as our business extended through the County Costs & Expence are so blended together can not be well seporated Therefore pray the Agents may be Impowerd, or some Other person, or persons, to settle these matters as Col^o Nichols is Nominated to go into the Servise I take this Opportunity to Inform the Court that the Committes Acco^t is so blended together that they can not be Settled without the whole of the Committe pray sir press the matter that the Committe of Safety may be Impowed in recess of the Court if nothing better Can be done—

I am your Honors Ob^t & Very Humb^l Se^t

James Underwood

[6–74] [*William Patterson relative to some confiscated Estates, 1782.*]

To the Hon^bl the President of the Committee of Safety for the State of Newhampshire—

S^r I Beg leave to inform you that I am now Seventy three years old and have lived on lands which formerly belonged to

Mr Thomson now an Inhabatiant of Great Britain 33 years said land lying in Litchfield I took a lease of said Thomson of the farm I now live on to pay him the sum of sixty dollars yearly to be paid in money or improvements on the farm which I have Complyd with: untill last year when I was about putting Seed into the Ground in the mounth of April I was informed that the State had taken the farm into their hands and appointed an Agent to rent out the same; Some evil minded person as I suppose offered to give one hundred dollars yearly rent: having done a considerable part of my Spring Labour was Constrained to give that Sum or move off: your Honr and every Gentn in the Honbl Commitee must be sensable that the Public Tax for the Defence of the present war is very high which with the rent aforesaid and the hire of Labourers amounted to a very great sum I Beg leave to Observe that I have had no notice to move off before very leatly when I have prepared for a new Crop I Expected to have had the farm at the rent that I Contracted for last year tho very high yet I would been content but to my great Surprise I have been informed that some person have offered more; the Agent Coll Chase being sensable that the rent paid last year with the Tax that will be Called for this year is as much if not more than the farm is worth

He desired me to send to your Honrs to know whither I may have the farm at the same Rent that I paid last year I paying the whole Tax for this year; which is not Customary when a Tennant takes a farm by the Shares he pays half of the Tax only; I Beg further that a person or persons may be appointed to settle all Back arrirages and to Receipt for the same and to put me in full possession in the name of the State I would further Observe that I have been Oblidged for several years past to purchess the greater part of the wood for my use there being little wood on the farm as I am an old man and willing to give the whole value for the farm Reather than move of at present your Honrs Compliance will much Oblidge your Honrs

Most Hubl Sert

William Patterson

Litchfield April 3d 1782

[R. 2-190] [*Selectmen concerning Soldiers, 1783.*]

To the Honble the Councel & House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire Convened at Concord June 1783

The Humble Petition of the Select men of Litchfield in the County of Hillsborough—Humbly shews that said Town filled up their Quota of Soldiers in the Continental army for the first

three year service & gave each soldier Fifty dollers as a Towns Bounty—one of said Soldiers, Viz[t] John Loring who was an Inhabitant of said Town, was in the Massachusetts line Tho' by a vote of the Hon[ble] Assembly of this state he was to be accounted to the Town he belong'd to, his Family was supported for three years for which no allowance has ever been made them—That said Town by Order of Court raised four men to reinforce Gen[l] Sullivan in Canada & paid them fifty dollars each as Bounty that in June 1779 said Town Inlisted one William Raymond during the war & paid him four hundred & fifty pounds Lawfull money That we have at all Times done our full proportion in the war & had our Quota of men in the field, Notwithstanding all which Col[o] Kelley sheriff of said County has brought an Extent or Execution against us for sixty pounds for a soldier said to be wanting in the war. We are Consious to ourselves that we have done our full proportion in the war as to soldiers &c and ought not pay said Extent Wherefore we pray your Honors would Postpone the payment of said Execution untill the matter may be fully inquired into * * *

James Underwood } Select
Samuel Chase } men

[The foregoing was referred to the committee of safety. —Ed.]

[6–75] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Decem[er] 9th 1783

A True Acco[t] of the number male Polls in the Town of Litchfield upwards of Twenty one Years of Age paying for themselves a poll rate which is fifty five

James Underwood } Select
John Cochran } men

Hillsborough ss Decem[r] 9th 1783 then James Underwood & John Cochran personally Appear'd and made Solemn Oath to the truth of the above Number of polls in said Town before

John Goffe
Justice of Peace

[6–76] [*Relative to their Quota of Soldiers, 1783.*]

To the Honourable the Council and Gentlemen of the Honourable house of Representatives at Exeter Convened the Twelfth day of February 1783—

The Humble Petition of the Selectmen of Litchfield in the County of Hillsborough & State of New Hampshire whose Names are hereunto Subscribed

Sheweth that the Inhabitants of the said Town have had the Honor of being distinguished, by many General assemblies, for their *Loyalty* and *Zeal* in promoting the Public Welfare, according to their utmost Abilities

That—the premises being granted Your Honors may easily conceive, that your Pet^{rs} must be under the deepest concern, when they find themselves, and their Constituents, lie under the Imputation of Disloyalty at this day, and the Sherif approaches with an Extent to levy a large sum of money on Your Pet^{rs} Estates, in their said Capacity, upon a Supposition that one Soldier is wanting in their Quota.

That the Matter arises from the desertion, of one William Raiment, whom the Town procured in 1779, at a very great Expence, to serve them as a Soldier, during the War, whom they saw duly mustered—receive his proportion of provisions shoes, and Stockings at Exeter, and march to Worcester with the rest of the Soldiers—What co^{d} they do more ?

But—Your Pet^{rs} pray leave to refer Your Hon^{rs} to the Depositions herewith exhibited, In humble confidence, that upon mature deliberation of the premises you will be pleased to resolve, that the Sherif of the County aforesaid, may be Injoined to surcease the said Extent, and that your Hon^{rs} will resume the Consideration of the premises, and grant such relief therein as to You in your great Wisdom shall seem most meet.

And Your Pet^{rs} as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

Robt Darrah } Selectmen for
Timothy Kendall } Litchfield

[6–77] [*Petition for a Bridge at Cromwell's Falls, 1794.*]

To the Honorable Legislature of the State of Newhampshire to be convened at Amherst on the first Wednesday of June 1794—

A Petition for a Bridge at Cromwell's Falls

Whereas from experience it is found practicable and of great publick convenience to have Bridges over Merrimack River and as one at Cromwells falls at the lower end of the Town of Lytchfield would greatly facilitate the passing from the westerly part of this State to our Metropolis—Therefore we pray your Honors to make us a grant for that purpose similar to that made to Col^{o} McGregore & others at Amoskeig Falls—And your petioners as in duty bound will ever pray—

Lytchfield June 3 1794

Gershom Harvell
Simeon Chase
William Bixby
Daniel Bixby
Robert Chase
John McGilvery
Wm McCluer Jur
William Clagett
David Whtemore
David Campbell
Samuel Chase
James Nahor
Herbert Moors
John McCluer
Thomas Bixby
Nathaniel Whittemore
Joel Conant
Hugh Nahor
Robert Parker
Samll Chase Jr
Timo Kendall
Simeon Kendall
Edward Clagett

LITTLETON.

This town embraces the southern portion of a grant made, Nov. 17, 1764, to James Avery and others, by the name of Chiswick, which grant also comprised the present town of Dalton.

The grantees were bought out by Moses Little, merchant, of Newburyport, Moses Little, Jr., of Newbury, both in the province of Massachusetts, Israel Morey, of Orford, N. H., and Alexander Phelps, of Hebron, Conn., who petitioned for a re-grant of the township. The request was favorably considered by Gov. Wentworth, and on the 18th day of January, 1770, the township was re-granted by the name of Apthorp to the foregoing, with George Apthorp, of London, Eng., Nathaniel Carter, Benjamin Harris, and Tristram Dalton, of said Newburyport, and Samuel Adams, of Boston, as associates. Five hundred acres each were reserved for Benning Wentworth, Theodore Atkinson, and Mark Hunking Wentworth, they being grantees under the Chiswick charter. The town bore the name of Apthorp, in honor of George Apthorp, until Nov. 4, 1784, when by an act of the legislature it was divided, the north part incorporated by the name of Dalton, in honor of Tristram Dalton, and the south part by the name of Littleton, in honor of Moses Little, both of whom were large owners in the townships respectively. The first settler was Capt. Nathan Caswell, about the year 1770. The town did not gain in population very fast, and contained but fourteen ratable polls in 1785. Since 1800, however, the increase has been more rapid, and the town is now one of the most enterprising and prosperous in the state.

[6-79] [*Relative to Taxes, 1786.*]

State of New Hampshire—

Littleton June 3d 1786

To the Honourable General Court of sd State to be Conven'd at Concord on the first Wednesday of June instant—

Humbly sheweth the Inhabitants of Littleton in the County of Grafton & State aforesaid; that they were at the Commencement of the late war just beginning Settlement on said tract of land which has untill very lately been known by the name of Apthorp, that they being poor and much expos'd to our Enemy during said war never paid any Taxes into the Treasury of said State—That notwithstanding the Division of said Apthorp into two Towns Precepts have lately been sent to the Selectmen of Apthorp for sums much too Large as may appear by our return herewith exhibited—we therefore pray that our Doomages may be taken off and the Selectmen of Littleton be enabled to assess and collect any and all sums of money now Due, within the lines thereof on the proprietors of said Littleton or otherwise as may appear Just—and your Petitioners will pray &c

Nathan Caswell

For and at the Request of said Inhabitants

[An inventory of the polls and estate of the town for the years 1775 to 1785 shows that in 1775 the number of polls was 3; 1776, 4; 1777–'78–'79, 5; 1780, 4; 1781–'82–'83, 9; 1784, 12; 1785, 14.—Ed.]

[6-81] [*Relative to a Tax for building Roads, 1785.*]

State of New Hamsphire—

Concord 16th June 1788

To the Honble Genl court of said state now setting—

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Littleton in said state humbly sheweth, that your Petitionors for eighteen years last past, have laid under many and grevious dificulties—your Petitionors cannot ascertain the number of acres of Land in said Littleton, neither can we find out the original Proprietors of said Town, so that we can not Tax said land except we have a special act of this Honble court for that purpose, your Petitioners woo'd further Inform your honors that although we were promised by said Proprietors or owners of land (as they cal'd themselves) to have our land given us for settlement & that the compliment of setlers according to charter shoo'd then soon be

in Town, that they woo'd make good roads through said Town Build Mills &c—all of which is neglected by said land owners, and although it is eighteen years since said Town began to settle, there is but nine families in it at this time, and there is no mills in said Town, nor can we git at any under fifteen miles, the Publick Road that runs through said Town is eleven miles in length, and almost Impossible to pass in the same, which road your Petitioners have to travel to git to mill, to market, to courts, and almost every kind of Business—so that your Petitioners have got under such poor and dificult circumstances, that we cannot live in said Town nor move out of the same, except your honors will Interpose in our behalf

Therefore your Petitioners most humbly pray that your honors woo'd take our singular Situation under your wise consideration, and grant that a special act of this court be made that said Town be setled according to charter in years from this date your Petitionors further pray your honors that a special act of this Honble court be made, to assess and collect the taxes now due or that may be due from said Town—we further pray your honors that a committee be appointed by this Honble court to lay out and make a road through said Town, and that the cost be paid by the land owners thereof and on their neglecting or refusing to pay said cost of laying out and making said road your Petitioners most humbly pray your honors to give order that so much land in said Town be sold as will pay the cost aforesaid or otherwise as your honours shall think most expedient and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray—

Peleg Williams
In behalf of said Inhabitants

[6–82] [*Petition for Authority to tax Non-Residents, 1788.*]

State of Newhampshire Grafton ss

Littleton December the 12—1788

To the Honorable Genl Court of said State to be Conveaned at Exeter on the 24 Day of Instant December—

The Petition of the Inhabitants of said Littleton humbly Shews that it is Eighteen years since the Town began to Settle and the setlers ware promised by the owners of the Land that thay wood make a good Rode throw said town erect and keep in good repair a grest mill and saw mill in said town and that thay wood Soon have the Town settled with such a number of Setelers as to make it Convenient for your petitioners all of which thay have neglected and thare is now in Town but nine families and the Country road through the same is twelve miles

and is verey wet hilly and Stoney, your Petitioners Cannot git at any mill Short of twelve or fifteen mildes and if a Scarce time of grinden must wait for the Inhabnie[t] of the town to which the mill belongs to have thare grist ground first besides we have the aforesaid road to travel through without our horses being Shod as thare is no Blacksmith neigher than a mill your Petitioners are not only few in number but poor and must remain so Except the aforesaid Difcilties Can be removed all or allmost all of said town is owned by two Gentlemen one of which Living in Massachusets the other in Vermount and we know not who ware the oreginal Proprietors of said town or how much Land thare is in the Same as it has bin granted and regranted and Divided and Subdivided so that under every circumstances if your Petitioners Should be Cald on by your honours to do thare duty as others Towns it will be more than we Can possably Do—

wharefore your Petitioners most humbly pray your honors to take our Singelur Case into your wise Consideration and grant a tax of two pence on Each acre of Land in said town for the purpose of making and repairing a road through the same and that a Committee be apinted by your honours to Carry the Same into afect your Petitioners further pray your honners not to Call on us for any State taxes untill the town Shall be so settled that we Can possably git a Living tharein but that the owners of Land in said town may pay all the taxes tharefrom untill the present time and that Sume person or persons be apinted by your honours for the purpose of assaing & Collecting the Same or that we may have releafe in Sum other way or manner which to your honours may apeare Just and rasanable and your Petitioners are in Duty bound Shall ever pray—

Peleg williams	Thomas Miner	Samuel Learned
Benj[mn] Nurs	Nathan Caswell	Isaac Miner
Nathan Caswell Jr	Robert Charlton	

[6–83] [*Relative to taxing Non-Residents, 1791.*]

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representitives in General Court convened and now siting this 12th day of February 1791—

The petition of the Selectmen of Littleton in said state Humbly shew that an act passed the General Court January 1789— directing the Selectmen of said Town for the time being to assess and cause to be collected all publick Taxes due there from prior to the first day of January 1789 on the lands of the proprietors of said Town in one tax bill in way and manner as

taxes by Law are collected of Non, resident proprietors in other Towns in this state which act your petitioners would have most chearfully complyed with had it been in their power but said Littleton together with a Town or part of a Town known by the name of Dalton, was first granted by the name of Chesuwich afterward by the name of Apthorp then divided into Littleton and Dalton to particular Gentlemen and not in proprietory shares as is usually the custom in other towns in this state—your petitioners would further Sugjest that the act for taxing Lands in said Littleton and Dalton for the purpose of making and repairing roads therein is under the aforesaid Imbarisments—

Your petitioners would therefore pray your Honors to pass an act Impowering the Selectmen of said Littleton for the time being to assess and cause to be collected all publick taxes due from said town in one tax bill on the lands therein not confining them to any particular rights but to sell as much of said Lands in one body as will pay said tax with Incidental charges also in the same way and manner to sell as much land as will compeat said road throug said Town as also that they may be Impowered in the same way and manner to sell as much land in Dalton as will complete the road leading through the same and give a reasonable time to levy and collect said Taxes or grant such other relief in the premises as to your Honors may appear reasonable and Just and stay the extents against said Littleton untill a final determination be had and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Sam[l] Young

in behalf of the Selectmen of Littleton & Inhabitants of Dalton

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[R. 2-191] [*Lieut. Peleg Williams's Petition, 1793.*]

State of Newhampshire—

To the Honb[le] Gen[l] Court of s[d] State convened at Exeter on the twenty fifth day of December 1793—

Humbly sheweth Peleg Williams of a place caled Littleton in said State—That in November 1776 he engaged and was commissioned as a Lieu[t] for said State in the late war—That on account of his ill State of health, contracted in s[d] service, he, in the month of may 1778 resigned not in the smallest degree doubting he had a right so to do * * *

Peleg Williams

[He stated that he had not been paid the depreciation of his wages, and asked to have it done.—Ed.]

LONDONDERRY.

The township was granted, June 21, 1722, by Gov. Samuel Shute to John Moor and one hundred and seventeen others. The grantees were Scotch Presbyterians, who came in 1718 from the north part of Ireland, where their ancestors, emigrants from Scotland, had settled about one hundred years before. By an agreement dated March 26, 1718, Rev. William Boyd was appointed by them as agent to obtain a grant of land from Gov. Shute, and succeeded in obtaining a promise of a grant whenever they decided upon a location.

On receiving this encouragement they came over, landing in Boston Aug. 4, 1718. A portion of them went to Casco Bay, then in the province of Massachusetts, with the intention of settling there; but not being pleased with the country, they returned and located here in April, 1719, O. S. Many of them came from the city of Londonderry, Ireland, and named this town in honor of their old home, which some of them had helped to defend in 1689 against the emissaries of James the Second. They were an industrious and thrifty people, and strongly attached to their religious opinions.

The town was divided into two parishes, by an act approved Feb. 25, 1740, in accordance with a vote of the town passed in 1735.

Feb. 12, 1742, the southern portion of the town was incorporated into a parish by the name of Windham, the first meeting of which was to be called by Robert Dinsmore, Joseph Waugh, and Robert Thompson, on March 8th of that year.

The north-west part of the town was taken off Sept. 3, 1751, and with other territory incorporated into the town of Derryfield.

A portion of the town was annexed to Nottingham West (Hudson), March 6, 1778.

Sept. 26, 1777, sundry persons and their estates were severed from Londonderry and annexed to Windham. Nov. 26, 1778, Samuel Clark and his estate were also annexed to Windham, and the line between these towns was established by an act passed Nov. 22, 1782.

Another portion of this town was annexed to Windham, Dec. 25, 1805.

An act was passed July 2, 1827, dividing the town nearly in the middle, and incorporating the east half by the name of Derry.

People from Londonderry were among the first settlers of the towns of Bedford, Merrimack, Antrim, Acworth, Cherry Valley, N. Y., and other places.

[6-91] [*Relative to the burning of Matthew Clark's House, 1725.*]

To all Christian People to whom these Presents shall come Greeting:

The humble Petition of Matthew Clark of Londonderry in in Newhampshire,

Humbly Sheweth

That on Fryday the third of this Instant in the dead time of the Night an awfull and dreadfull fire seized upon his dwelling House and consumed it to Ashes, together with his worldly Substance therein contained, as Household furniture, cloaths, Provisions and Money, whereof there were four pounds, four and Six pence of the Bills of this Province, Your Petitioner with his wife and small Children narrowly escaping with their Lives through the mercifull Providence of God—

May it therefore please such Christian People to whom these presents shall come to consider of this case in the bowels of Christian charity and afford such relief to your Petitioner as they shall think fit, and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever Pray.

We believe the Truth of the Above Petition, and have great Compassion on the Petitioner as being of an honest and Christian Character. Done at Londonderry Decr 23, 1725.

Ja: Macgregor
Daniel Cargill
John macmurphy Cler.
Samuel Graves } S^{l} men
Robert Boyes }
James morgan }
James Greg
James McKeen

X^{r} the 28—1725—

In the house of Representatives Mathew Clark the Petitioner Made Oath that he had actually Burnt in his house of this Province Bills of Credit the sum of foure pounds foure Shillings & Six pence—

James Jeffry
Cl^{r} assm

[He was allowed the foregoing amount by the assembly out of the money in the treasury next to be burned.—ED.]

[6–92] [*Order relative to laying out some Land, 1728.*]

Whereas there was Given & Granted to Messrs McGregor McKeen Cargil Greg and Goffe Several Tracts of land in ye Town of Londo Derry over and above their Proprietors Share for their good Service in promoting the Interest of ye People there as appears per ye Charter of Sd Town which said Tracts of land have been laid out to the sd Grantees in ye refuse and Most barren part of the said Town wth an aim to render ye sd Grants of no value and to defeat the good designs of the Same It is therefore In Coun1 May 25th 1728—hereby Voted and ordered that the laying out of ye said lands be and are hereby declared to be nul void and of no Effect, And that the Lotlayers of ye sd Town within twenty days from ye Date hereof proceed to lay out ye sd Grants upon oath to the sd Grantees in some of ye Common lands of ye sd Town—Such as are of a Middling quality (ie) Neither of ye best or worst but midway between both, an that ye lotlayers Deliver returns of ye laying out sd land to ye Grantees in Convenient time after ye busyness is done for ye Usual and legal fees yt ye sd returns May be recorded by ye Town Clerk in ye Town book

R. Waldron Clr: Cou.

[6–93] [*Warrant for Town-Meeting, 1733.*]

Province of New Hampe—

To the Selectmen of the Town of Londonderry within the Province aforesd Greeting—

Pursuant to his Majties writ to me directed for Convening a Generall assembly within the said Province, you are hereby required in His Majties name to Cause the freeholders of the town of Londonderry aforesaid duely quallified (giving them fifteen days previous notice) to assemble at such time and place as you Shall appoint within the said town then and there to Elect and Chuse or depute one fit person quallified in the Law to represent the said town in General assembly appointed to be Convened and held at Portsme wth in ye Province aforesaid on Tuesday the first day of January Next at ten of the Clock before noon and you are alike required to Cause the person so Elected and deputed by the majr part of the electors present at the Election to be timely notafied and Summoned by one of the Con-

stables of the said town to attend his Maj^{ties} Servis in Gen^{ll} assembly at the time and Place above Prefixed and so de Die in Diem dureing their Session or Sessions and you are to make return of this Precept with your doings thereon and the name of the Person that Shall be Elected and Deputed as afores^{d} unto my Self on or before the first day of January next to be by me transmitted into the Secretarys office at or before the time appointed for the Convening of the said Gen^{ll} assembly and Here of you may not fail—

Given under my hand & Seal at Portsmouth the Eleventh day of Decem^{br} 1733 & in the Seventh year of His Maj^{ties} Reign—

Eleazer Russell Sheriff

[The meeting was held Dec. 28, 1733, and Robert Boyse was elected.—Ed.]

[6–95] [*Charge against the Legality of a Town-Meeting, 1736.*]

Londonderry April ye 13th 1736

We the under Subscribers all freeholders of the aforesaid London-Derry doth protest against all the actings of our March meeting this being part of it by adjournment (for these reasons) that the said meeting was not legall in itself, neither was it legalee Caried on for a great many of them that was votters in it was not Qualified according as the law directs and also that a great many of the voters was only transient persons and paid no rates in this town besides many other reasons—

Given under our hands the day and year above

Robert Boyes William Humphra John Moore
Hugh Willson Archibald Clendinen

A true Coppy taken out of Londonderry Records as
Attests p^{r} John Macmurphy Town Clerk

[6–96] [*Precept for the Election of an Assembly-man, 1736.*]

Province of Newhamps^{e}

George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittaine France and Ireland King defender of the Faith &^{c}

To the Sherrif of the Province of Newhampshire Greeting

We command you that imediately on sight hereof you make out a precept Directed to the Selectmen of Londonderry within

our said Province of Newhampshire Requiring them to Cause the Freholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Duly Qualified to Assemble at such Time and place as they shall appoint, to Elect and Choose, or Depute one Suitable and Meet person (Lawfully Quallified) to serve for and represent them in our Gen^{ll} assembly of our said Province at Portsmouth and to cause said person so Elected by the Major part of the Electors present at the Election to be timely Notified (or Summoned by one of the Constables of the said Town) to attend our Service in our said Gen^{ll} assembly on the fourteenth day of March Currant, and So De Die in Diem during their Session or Sessions, and to Return the said præcept with the Name of the Person so Elected unto your Selfe whereof you are to Make Return togeather with this Writ and of your doings therein under your hand unto the Clerk of our House of Representatives at or before the s^{d} fourteenth day of March Currant hereof you may not faile at your perrill—

Witness Andrew Wiggin Esqr Speaker of our said House of Representatives at Portsmouth March the tenth in the tenth yeare of our Reigne Ann Dom^{o} 1736—

And^{r} Wiggin Speaker

James Jeffry Cle^{r} of the Assembly

By order of the House of Representatives

Prov: of New Hampsr

Pursuant to the within Writt I Issued out my Precept to the Selectmen of London Derry to Elect a person to Represent them in a Generall assembly Now Sitting at Portsm^{o} and they make return that they have made choice of Robert Boyes of s^{d} Town to Represent them

Portsm^{o} March ye 14th 1736/7 R Wibird, Sheriff.

[6–97] [*Two Sets of Town Officers chosen, 1737.*]

To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr Governour & Command^{r} In Chief In and over His Majestys Province of New Hamp^{r} the Honble His Majestys Council, and the House of Representatives in General Court assembled—

The Petition of Sundry the Inhabitants of the Town of London-Derry in the Province of New Hamp^{r}—Most humbly shews—

That It hath been the Custom in said Town, ever since they have acted as a Town, at their General Town meetings in March yearly to allow all persons that payed rates in said town

to Vote in chusing town officers until at the town meeting held in said Town on the fifth day of March Instant when the Select men for the last year produced a list of Persons names who the select men said should be voters only.—That notwithstanding a Considerable majority of the persons present proceeded according to the usual method of said Town to Chuse a Moderator, and then to chuse a Town Clerk, selectmen and other town officers, and that the two Justices in said Town refused to swear any of said officers so chosen, and that a minor part of the persons then present in a by-part of the meeting-house made choice of another set of Town officers, which last sett the Justices in said Town have since sworn, which has already occasioned much disorder strife and confusion in said Town, and will We fear tend to the utter ruin and destruction of the peace and good orders of said Town unless something be done by the General Court to redress our Grievances.—

Therefore Your Petitioners most humbly Pray Your Excellency the Honble the Council and House of Representatives In your Great wisdom to ratify & Confirm what was done at the last meeting in said Town according to the former usage and Customs of said Town, or to Explain that paragraph in the Act for regulating Townships, choice of Town officers and setting forth their power relating to the qualification of Voters in Town meetings, and order that There be another Town meeting in said Town to Chuse Town officers, and your Petitioners as in Duty bound, Shall Ever Pray—

John Moor	John Reade	Halbert Morrison
Saml Allison	Saml Morrison	W^{m} McNeal
Ronald Alexander	Thomas Steel	Peter Cochran
John Stewart	John Barnet	Robert Wallace
Robt Cochran	John Durham	Wm Moor
James Boyes	Thos McMaster	James Wilson
Hugh Rogers	Arch^{d} Candinon	Saml Kinkerd
Wm Cochran	Jesse Cristi	John Alexand^{r}
Wm Candinon	Wm Holmes	Thom^{s} Hoag
Thomas Morrison	Robert Boyes	James Patterson
Joseph Wallis	James Dalop	John Duncan
Hugh Wilson	John Wilson	David Vance
Abr^{m} Holmes	John Cochran	John M^{c}konoihy
John Givian	Robert M^{c}curdy	Saml Morrison
Robt Wear	Wm Gregg	John Stewart Junr
Saml Miller	Moses Barnet	Wm Kelley
John Craig	James M^{c}curdy	Thom^{s} Bogel
Patrick Duglas	John Holmes	John Mitchel Junr
Wm Humphrey	John M^{c}clary	Andrew Clandinen
Alexand^{r} Macdorn	Benj^{a} Willson	W^{m} McMaster

Robert Givian	John Smylel	Alexand^{r} Parks
Saml Mitchel	Hugh Bolton	John McCleary
Saml Morrison	Thom^{s} Wallace	Francis Smaley
Alexand^{r} Rankin	Peter Cochran	John Wallace
John Morrison	Saml Morrison	James Calwel Junr
Thomas Cochran	Henry Comee	Wm Cochran
Arch^{d} Miller	John Cromey	Joseph Ball
John Steel	Patrick Fisher	James Glines
James Morrison	David Morrison	Allen Anderson
Danl Anderson	John Humphry	Wm Murdoch
Thom^{s} Mellavy	John Ware	
James Cochran	John Ramsey	

Mem^{o} I have copyed the names as well as I could read them but am not certain that they are right

R. Waldron Sec^{y}.

[6–98] [*Relative to a new Parish, 1737.*]

Provence of new hampshier

To his Excelence Jonathan Belcher Esqr Governor and Comander in Chief in and Over his Majestys Provence of New hamp^{s} the honorabl his majestys Councel and hous of Representeties In the Generall Court asembled—

The Petition of Sundrey of the Inhabitents of the Westerly Part of Londonderry In The Said Provence of new hampshier Most humbly Sheweth—

that Your Petitioners with Sundry others the Inhabitents of the Wasterly part of Sd town at the last siting of the Genr^{l} Court In new hampshier Prefared a petistion therin Praing to be Made a parish by our Selves which Was Granted to us by the Generall Court But with this Restriction for to Countinow with the Worship of God in the Miting hous Which was then Bult amongst us which is the Most Convenient Place in the parish to Shout the Popel of the Sd parish yet So it is that a part of the old Parish of the freand and Relations of Mr Macgrogre with Som others and Som amongst ourSelvs Without aney Regard to what was then Don in that afair by the General Court have without aney Consent of us yea even against our wills obtained ane ordenation for m^{r} macgrogre out of our Miting hous and a litel Time after hath left of to preach in our Miting hous and preacheth in a privet hous above the mils from our miting hous and in about one mile and a half from the old miting hous and So our miting hous is Left Desolat and forsakin and thereby hath Defated our Good Desgn in Praying to be Set of as a Par-

ish And also the Gracious Design of Generall Court in Seting us of and allso would Render us Disobdient to Goverment Which never entred into our thoughts and would have us Joyn with them in bulding a new miting hous which they are about to Arect nerer the old miting hous then ther prasent Place of worship which is at one Cornor of the parish which if Done will tend more to the fomenting of our Presant Debats and Stireng up Strife and Contensions amongs us and to the Destrouing of Religon then aney thing Els Wherfor your Petisthoners most humbly Prayeth your Excelence the honorable Counsal and hous of Representitves in your Wisdom to order us the worship of god in our miting hous as it Was ordred Befor and your Petishoners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

Londonderry March the 5 1736/7

Thomas Wallace	John Blear	David mc allester
Joseph Boys	John holens	James Æ̃rs
James murray	Thomas Wallace	William m^c^allester
Samuel Dickey	John Barnet	James wilson
Joseph bell	James Petterson	Hugh Grahams
Thomas Hoop	Samuel Thompson	John Senter Juen^r^
William dickey	micheall M^c^Clinto	William wallace
James Wallace	William m^c^Clinten	william thompson
John Duncan	John Senier	
Joseph wallace	Robart Wallace	

[In H. of Rep., April 1, 1737, the foregoing petition was dismissed.—Ed.]

[6–100] [*Relative to a Parish in the westerly part of the Town, 1739.*]

To his Exelencey Jonathan Belcher Esqr Governer and Comander in Chief in and over his Magiestys Provence of Newhampshier the Honarebl his Magiestys Councel for Sd Provence and the hous of Represenitive in General asembley Convened

the Pitition of Sundrey of the Inhabitence of the Westrly part of Londondery in the Provence of new hampshier humbly Shueth—

That at the General Court at Portsmouth in and for the forsaid Provence in aprel 1736 ther was a Pitition preferred to the General Court of Said Provence that ther Might be a Parish Set of in said town in the westerly part of Said town A Greeable to a vote of Said Town that the General Court was pleased by a vote to Set of for a Parish In the Westerly part of Said town

acording to the folouing Bounds Beginning of the Southerly part of the toun at a place kown by the name of Ston Dam thence Runing up Bover Brook to the South west part of Charels mclorgs lot thence Runing a Straight line by the Norwest Cornar of ninen Cochrans home Lote to amascige Road thence Runing alongst the Sd Rod to a place none by the Name of the twelve acer mido Brook thence Runing a noRth to the toun Line then torning westerly and roning Round the toun line till Bover Brook then Runing to the Bounds firs menshoned and that the Miting hous Should be Wher it then Stod in the Westerly Part of Sd toun and that to the Number of thirty five in Said westerly parish might Remain to the old Parish and as Maney of Said Number as Should go from the Newe Parish to the old So maney of the old Should go to the new parish and that Befor the Said vote of the Generall Court was Redused to one act the Secriterys hous was Consumed by flaims and the vote amongst other papers was burnt Wherfor your Petitioners most humbly pray Your Excellency the Honorabl the Councel and hous of Representitive to Set of a Parish in the westerly part of Sd town Agreeable to the former vot of the Genarel Court and your Petishoners as in Duty bound Shall ever pray &c

Dated at Londondery October 12th 1737

John Mcleriee	William wollac	Abram holms
Robart Bell	John Blair	Robart Wallace
Thomas mclire	Thomas Hog	David morison
William holems	david BoGel	Samul morison
Thomas BoGel	Joseph BoGel	John morison
Samul thomson	John Wallace	John holems
William thomson	iohn Crage	Ninin Cochran
Angus Mcalester	John willson	Petter Cochran
William mcalester	BenJamen willson	Samul Tood
John Care	Andrue todd	william hairs
Thomas wollace	Aalexander Crage	Thomas Wallace
James ares	Aalexander mc : olom	Joseph Wallace
Robart Gaye	Samul morison First	John Barnat
David mcalester	Nethaniel willson	Joseph Bell
James thomson	Robart Gifen	James muray
michel mclinton	John mclorg	James wollace
Joseph Boys		James Paterson

[6–101] [*Proposals for Peace, 1737.*]

To our Christian friends and Brethren of ye old Congregation in London Derry; proposals of peace

Brethn

It is a lamentable Truth, Too evident To be denyd, yt the

Scandalous divisions, both in Civils and Ecleseaiticks, which have Too long Subsisted among us, are a stain to our holy profession; that they have a Natural tendency, to provoke God; to procure Judgments and to render us a hissing a reproach and a byword to our Neighbours and that these are aggravated from our circumstances, we being Strangers, which ought to excite us to a stricter amity and unity among our Selves.

but then Seing it is not Complaints & lamentations only, but proper remidys also, that are Necessary to effect an accomodation among us; we therefore out of a Sincere and Disintrested view To peace, do Chearfuly & unanimously make ye following proposals.

Proposal 1st whereas it has been (as we are Inform'd) Suggested or Insinuated, that The design of us who belong to the New Congregation, is To draw away the Strength of ye old Parish, and Consequently To build upon its Ruins; we propose that we who are already Incorporated in the new parish, with Those who are at present willing to joyn us, who in all are not one half of ye town, will oblige our Selves to maintain the Gospel in Our own Congregation, without demanding any help from our Neighbours in the Other parish; or if this will not Satisfie, we propose that the Salary's of both Ministers be asess'd in common, and equaly levyd from ye whole town in general.

As to the Ecclesiastick part of our divisions, we wou'd be heartily glad that this also were Accomodated: that which renders a reconciliation in this particular more difficult, is the want of a Synod, To whose Judgment all partys Consonant To presbyterian principles behoof'd to be Subjict: but Since we have not this Superior Judicature To have Recource To, in this part of the world: Since appeals to a foreign Church, in Our present Scituation and Circumstances is Impracticable even in the Opinion of Several of ye ministers of y^r own party, whose disent against Such Apeals, is extant in ye minutes of the presbytery; and Since there is a Schism among the Members of presbytery, So that they being partys cannot be admitted as proper Judges, what must be ye Consequence, as Things are thus Circumstanced, but that Except Some other methode be found out, Our uncumfortable Debates be protracted time without End: for Remidy wherof we propose.

Proposal 2^d that a number of ministers, of ye Congregational perswasion, Such as you and we can mutualy agree upon; Shall be Invited To meet on this affair; and that haveing heard the whole of what is To be Said Pro and Con by the Respective partys, they Shall then draw up in writing their Result: whether S^d Result Shall be finaly deciseive or Not, we leave to be Considered. Note, ye S^d Ministers Shall be Obliged to judge the affair agreeable to presbyterian Rules. We for see no objection

of any Seeming weight that can be made against this last proposal but Such as follows; to which by way of anticipation we Return Some Answer.

Objection 1st the persons whom you propose as Judges are of a diffarent perswasion; we Answer by Concession we grant they are So, but the Difference is not So wide, but that Some of ye greatest Divines of ye presbyterian perswasion, and even of those who have wrote against them, particulerly the judicious Mr Rutheroord, has Adress'd them with the friendly Epithet of Dr Brethren; for our part we firmly believe, that NotwithStanding the Difference in principle, there are To be found among them, Many men, of Learning, Goodness, Candor, Impartiality, and Every qualification, which may Render them very fit Judges in this affair.

Objectn 2d this proposal if Complyed with, wou'd cast a Reflection on the Presbyterian Goverment, as if it were not Sufficient to answer all the Ends of Governt, without being beholden To another perswasion: we Answer ye objection has no weight in it; for 1st let it be Concidered that presbyterian Governt Consists in a Subordination of Judicatures, The Inferior To the Superior; Now if we had a Synod To apply too and yet this Remidy were Necessary, it wou'd then Argue a Defect in the Constetution; but otherwise the Objection is of No weight. 2dly let it be Concidered, that the judges we propose, tho of another perswasion, are bound to judge by Presbyterian Rules: the Salutary Medicin is Still the Same, though the Application be made by Other hands.

we are far from being So premptory or wedded to Our own proposols, as to Say that these and these only are the terms on which we will be at peace; but these Are what we look on as Resonable and Christian; and if you think them Not Such, we wou'd be glad to hear Some from you that are more So.

In the Conclusion we beseech you Brethren, Seriously To Consider that 'tis your as well as Our Duty if it be possible, as much as lies in you, To live peacably with all men. to Seek peace, and pursue it. to lay Down your Gift at the Alter, and go be Reconcil'd with your Brother: and that Ecept we Do so Our Religion is Vain, that tho we had all faith to ye Removing of mountains and have Not Charity, we are as A Sounding Brass and tinkling Cymbal. and that he who Says he loves God and hates his Brother is a lyar: let the Serious Concideration of these Awful and weighty truths, leave Such a deep Impression on us, that we may be willing for peace, on the most Reasonable terms; and let us look on All Such as wou'd diswade us from hearkning to Reasonable proposals of accomodation, to be publick Nusances, the Bane of Civil Society, ye obstructers of Brotherly love, and the Active Instruments of Satan, and as

Such let us Avoid them with detestation. we are your friends and Brethren in Christ.

London Derry April ye 19th 1737

Georg Duncan	James Blair	Pathrick taggart
John Goffe	James Taggart	John Gregg
James Mckeen	James Lindsay	Robertt Anderson
James Adams	William Adams	Andrew Cochran
John Jamison	John Creaig	John Scobey
James Anderson	Daniel m^ec^keeney	Samuell Gregg
Daniell macDufie	John taggert	Archbell m^ec^cormick
James Reid	william nutt	Will Gregg
John : m^ec^Laughlin	John Anderson	Robert morison
James Nesmith	Samul andrson	Hugh moor
James Clark	Bart andrson	Hugh mountgorey
Robt Campbell	John Cochran	Nathan m^ec^farlan
Thos Boies	William Dickey	william Jameson
John Richey	James Aiers	John Bell
Alex^r m^ec^Neall	James Leslie	Robart kendey
John Blair	Samuel m^ec^keen	William Aiken
Thomas gregg	James Gregg	James Rodgers
James Willson	mathou tylor	Hendery mitchiell
Thomas Clark	Daniel Macgregore	David Hunter
John Archibald	Hugh Morison	thomas tyson
John M^ec^keen	Nathaniel Aken	John Woodburn
Charles M^ec^Cloarg	James Moor	Sam^ll Barr
Robert Arbuckle	Samuel Dickey	matthew Reid
Josiah Arbuckle	Samuel Graham	David Archibald
James Wallace	Hugh Graham	James Nesmith Senr
Robt M^ec^keen	William Maclintock	Samuel Huston
Hugh montgomery	James Adams	

[6–103] [*Return of laying out a Highway. 1738.*]

Provence of Newhampshire Londonderry May : 15 : 1738

then laid out a highway in said town begining at that Cross highway that goeth along by Patrick Duglas and William Adamss and so Runing Down the line betwixt s^d Duglas and adams as far as his land goeth and so along betwixt s^d Duglas and James Callwell upon the line betwixt them to Chaster line and so Runing aCross the End of s^d Duglas land upon Chaster line to Chaster Laid out highway note that said highway is to be two Rhods Wide one Rhode off s^d Duglas land and the other

off the s^d^ Adams land and s^d^ Callwells land laid out by the select men of Londonderry

Robt Wear
Hugh Willson
Moses Barnett
Thos Willson
Andrew Todd
} Select Men

Recorded the 28th of May 1738 atru Copeay per Moses Barnett town Clark

We of the Inhabitence of Londondary and hath Ben Survers of the Within Said Road Dothe asertifey that it is not good Land for A Contra Road—Neither Cane it bee Made a good high way

for the year 39 Willm Murdoc
for the year 40 Mathew wright
for the year 42 James Collwall

[6–105] [*Petition from Persons formerly belonging to Dracut for a Parish, 1741.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Governor and Commander in Chief In and over His Majestys Province of New Hampshire in New England, and Vice Admeral of ye Same, To the Honerable His Majestys Council, for said Province—

The Petition of the Subscribers being Inhabitants and Proprietors of a Tract of Land formerly belonging to ye Town of Dracutt in ye County of middlesex and Province of ye Massachusitts Bay but Now of ye Province of New Hampshire afore Said—

Most Humbly Sheweth—

That whereas your Petitioners Inhabitants of ye Place afore mentioned being Latly Sepperated from ye Province of ye Massachusitts Bay, by the Settlement of ye Boundary Line, are Labouring under many Great and Greavous difficulties, and disadvantiges at present, and divers of us having suffered many wronges and Injuries by ye Inhabitants of Dracutt who still pretend to have Jurisdiction over us, and are Dayly Expecting many other Difficulties to arise, And being distetute of a House Convenient for ye Publick worship of God, and being divested of ye previledge of acting as a Town, and as we being Entirely willing and Content to yeld all due obedience and submission to ye Government of New Hampshire, so we desire in all humble wise to be protected thereby—

Therefore Your Petitioners Most Humbly pray that your Excellency and Honers will take our Case into your wise Consideration so far as to Erect us into a Destinct and Sepperate Township vested with all such powers and previledges as other Towns in this Province enjoy encluding all those Lands on ye North of ye province Boundary Line which was formerly granted by ye province of ye Massachusitts Bay to ye Town of Dracutt according to ye Boundarys thereof, (which your petitioners humbly Conceive may prove an Effectuall Remedy for many of our Greavences)

as Your Petitioners by Duty bound Shall Ever Pray

zechariah coburn	thomas Sherla
Josiah Gage	Isaac littelhall
Moses Gage	edward wyman
Daniel Gage	Ebenezer Richardson
Amos Gage	Henry Richardson
Simon Beard	Joseph Wood
Joseph Wyman	John forgison
Thomas Gilmor	Alexander Forguson

[The foregoing was accompanied by "An abstract taken from a Plat of Dracutt Township as it was laid out by

Cap^n Jon^a Danforth ye 26 : 3^d 1702"

Said plan is No. 106, in manuscript volume.—Ed.]

[*Londonderry Bounds.*]

The Bounds of Londonderry being ten miles Square or so much as amounts to ten miles Square and no more begining on the north east angle at a Beech tree marked which is the south-east angle of Chester and running from thence due south on Kingston line four miles and an half and from thence on a west line one mile and three quarters & from thence south six Miles and a half & from thence west northwest, nine miles and an half and from thence north eleven miles and an half & from thence north north east three miles from thence South South west to the south west angle of Chester and from thence on an east south east line bounding on Chester ten miles unto the Beech tree first Mentioned—

[6–107 is a plan of the town, endorsed "Greggs Plat of Land."—Ed.]

[6–109] [*Relative to a Road, 1743.*]

Province of New Hampshire—

Londonderry May ye 24th 1743.

These may Certifie that I the Subscriber, am Hartly Satisfied and willing that the town of Londonderry, shall enjoy and Improve the Road laid out by the Select men of that town about five years aggo leading from the Cross Road that goes aCross my land, and from thence runing upon the land of Patrick Douglas Willm Adams & my Self, untill it meet with the Road that the town of Chester have laid out to the line between Chester and Londonderry; Provided they will pay me for what land the Road takes according to the prise I paid for it when I Bought it—

As Witness my hand the day & year above

James Caldwell

[6–110] [*Certificate of Service of a Notice, 1742.*]

Londonderry ffeb^ry 6th 1741/2

These may Certifie Whome it may Concern that William Gregg of said town hath served us the Subscribers with the Copy of Pettition of Severall people in this town that hath suplicated the Honourable Court at Portsmouth to be sett off as a parish by themselves and we have Notified the people Acordingly and their is none that makes any Obiection that they should not be sett off Except three or foure that belongs to the New parish that hath land Lying in the Bounds of your petitioners—

Wittness our hands

John Barnett
Thomas Cochran
David vance
Robert McCurdy
Rob^tt Cochran
} Selectmen

[6 111] [*Report of a Committee on Roads, 1743.*]

Province Newhamp^r

Persuant to a Vote of the General Court Bareing Date May 26th 1743, to us the Subscribers a Committee Appointed by the Gen^ll Court to goe up to Chester, and London Derry to view a highway fformerly laid out by Chester and London Derry and Recorded in Each Town, and also aNother way petitioned

for by Chester and to Make report of your Doeings therein to the General Court att their Next sessions—We haveing been up, and View'd Both Ways and Doe find that the Way fformerly laid out from Derry to Chester is the Most Conveniant way for the Accomidation of both the towns aforesaid and for Other Travelers, in General—

Septr 22^{d} Day, 1743

John Downing, Jur
Geo Walton } Committee
Richerd Jennes

[In H. of Rep., Sept. 22, 1743, the report was accepted, and the road established as recommended by the committee. —Ed.]

Londondery May the 11 1743

I the Subcraber doth Sartifey that I have receved No Sattisfaction for my Land for highway to Chester Nor is the said Rode not opned nor Repared

As wittenes my hand—

Parick Douglass

[6-112] [*Petition for a Reduction of the Number of licensed Taverns in Town, 1758.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq. Captain, General, Governor, & Commander, in Chief, in & Over his Majesty's, Province of New-Hampshire, The Honourable his Majesty's Council, & House of Representatives, in General, Assembly, Convened.

The Humble Petition, of the Subscribers Inhabitants of Londonderry & Province aforeSaid, Humbly Sheweth, That the Number, of Taverns, are so Multiplied, in Londonderry Aforesaid, they are become a Snare to the Youth, & of Evil Tendency, to every Age of Injudicious persons, & if they are All Continued (or which is worse Increased) we fear they will More & More Debase, & Debauch, the Manners & Morals of All such persons as Abovesaid.

Therefore Your Petitioners Humbly pray, that for the future there may be but four Taverns, & Retailers, Alowed in Londonderry, aforeSaid, & the Inn-holders, to be Chosen by A majority, of Votes at the Annual Meeting, & so Annually Untill the Circumstances, of the Town Requires a greater, Number, & them that are pro Tempore, to be under such Regulations, in Respect to Travellers, Towns-Men Sabbath-Days, &

every night, as in your Great Wisdoms you think Most Convenient, & most Conducive, to Incourage Virtue & Discourage Vice, & your Petitioners, as in Duty Bound, Will ever Pray.

Samuell Gregg
Sam[ll] Alison Jun[r]
Sam[ll] miller
So[ll] o[his mark] Alls
hugh young
James Taggart
James Anderson
Robert Craig
James Doack
Nathaniel Aiken
Nathanel Holms
Jo[n] Wallace
Rob[t] Parkeson
Joseph Cochran
John gillmore
Robert Boyes
Mathew Thornton
William Wallace
Thomas Gregg
James Ervins
James Campbell
Robert Logan
William humphra
Samuel morrison
John Ramsey
Samu[l] moore
Samu[l] Alison
John morrison
Rob[t] Wallace
James Wallace
Thomas Willson
Ja[s] M[c]Gregore
James Blair
John m[c]keen
John moor
Hugh Montgomery
David mountgumrey
Robert morison
David anderson
Jn[o] Wiear
Thomas Morison
Sam[ll] Mitchel Jur
thomas Creaige
David Steel
Mo[s] Barnett
Andrew Clendinin
James wallace
Thomas Wallace

[6-114] [*Special Town-Meeting called for, 1745.*]

To The Hon[ble] the House of Represen[s] for the Province of New Hamp[r] now Convened—

The Petition of James Nesmith and Sam[l] Barr two of the Select men of the Town of Londonderry in the Province afores[d] in behalf of the other Select men of the Said Town, for themselves, an in the behalf of the said Town Humbly Sheweth—

That by the Malefeazance of one of the Constables of the Said Town and the Interruption and Disturbance made by a party of the Inhabit[s] at the Meeting of the Said Inhab[ts] to Choose a Represent[ve] for the Said Town, the End and Design of the Said Meeting was Intirely defeated and the Same broke up without Choosing any as y[e] Hon[ble] House may See by the Return of the Sheriff &c.—So that the Said Town is now in this Session of y[e] Gen[l] Court without a Representive which may possibly be of Ill Consequence to the Same—wherefore yo[r] Petition[rs] Humbly pray that the Hon[ble] House would order that the Inhab[ts] of the Said Town, may meet Immediately & Choose Some proper Person to Represent them in this Court and in order thereunto to Direct a precept to the proper Persons to See that matter Effected, or proceed in Such other manner as the Exigence of

the affair Requires and as shall to you in yor Wisdom Seem meet—

Yo^r Petition^m will as in Duty bound ever pray

James Nesmith
Samuell Barr

[6–115] [*Relative to Taxes, 1745.*]

Provence of New hempshier Londondery february th 27 1745/6

Reseved from Ebeneser Spalding the Sume of two Pound old tenor for his toun and Provence Rats for the year 1745 as witnes my hand Samuel Dickey Constable

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[6–116]

Londonderry December th 4 1745

Joseph Butler is Reated	1– 5–8
Gorg Bures is Reated	0–18–1
Moses Beeret is Reated	1–05–5
James Beeret is Reated	1–02–2

this is a true Copey taken out of the list Comited to me by the Select men per

Samuel Dickey Con^s

[6–117] [*Order to the Constable to collect Taxes, 1764.*]

Provence of Newhampshir

Londonderry Agust the 21 : 1764,

to Robert Barnett Collector for the old parish on westerly Side of Bovour Brook In Said Londonderry: you are hereby Required and Commanded to Collect the folling Somes as they are anexed to Each persons names in this List it being all old tener In order to pay the Revd Wm Davisons Sallary for his Labours amoungst us in the ministry for the Corrant year for which he Shall have an order for from us the Subscribers for the Som you are to pay and the Remainder you are to pay to us or our order to Defray the parish Charges In the present year and whom So Ever Shall Neglect or Refuse to pay the Som or Somes anexed to ther nams you are to make Distres as the Law Directs and for want of Goods or Chattels wheron to Distrain you are to take the Bodeys of them that So Refuses or neglects to pay and Committ him hir or them Into the Common Goall at

portsmouth in Said provence ther to Remain untill they pay the Som or Somes So afixed to ther nams with all Lawfull Charges arising ther from or otherwise untill they be Discharged By due Cource of Law and the Soms So Colectted you are to pay and answer the order as above at or Before the Last Day of November next InShuing the Deat and this Shall Be your warent Given under our hands and Seal the Day and year above

Androw Todd
Samu[l] Barr
John Gilmor
} Select Men

Londonderry September th 12 : 1766

Recivd of Petter Evins the Sume of nine Shillings Lafull money it Being in full for the Redemison of Goods taken By Distress from him By me By Vertue of a waren from the Select Men of the town of Londonderry for the Collecting the Salery of the Rev[t] W[m] Davison for the year 1764—

Robert Barnett Colecter

Wittness Present
Jn[o] Caldwell
Robert Morison

[6–118] [*Relative to the Election of an Assemblyman, 1762.*]

Provance of Newhampshire

Lond[ry], Jan[ry] y[e] 18th 1762

In Obedence to the within warrant, it being Legally Call[d], the freeholders of S[d] Lond[ry] and windham Met on S[d] Day, and after Reading the warrants for S[d] meeting, they Chose for Moderater for S[d] meeting Coll[n] Andrew Todd then the moderater, put it to a vote to See if they would have the assembly man Chosen by a writen Vote or an hand Vote, and it Carried to have him by a writen Vote, and by the moderaters orders I Rec[d] the Vots and Counted them, and their was in Noumber for Coll[n] Barr Seventy Six, and for Ensin M[c]Greger Eighty Seven and for m[r] Rob[t] Clark thirty Six, then theire was a Contest Rose in the meeting before the vots was made publick that the vote was not fair in the afors[d] vote, and they Contested about it for Some time, and then the Moderater told them that he would Give them the vote againe, and also he Give them a vote to See wither they wold be pol'd off, or have awriten Vote, and it Carried to have awriten Vote, and I was ordered by the moderater to Recive the Vots the Second time, and theire was for Coll[n] Sam[ll] Barr Seventy two, and for Ensin James M[c]Greg-

er Six, and for Robt Clark two, and I Retorned the Noumber to the Moderater, and after wards he Nomenated Coll^{n} Sam^{ll} Barr Chosen to be our assembley Man.

a true Copey of the minits of the afores^{d} meeting
attest per Mo^{s} Barnett town Clerk

[6–119] [*Election of Assemblyman disputed, 1762.*]

To ye Honourable House of Representatives, for the Province of New-Hampshire, in General Assembly Convened,

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants, & Freeholders, in Londonderry, & Windham, in the Province Aforesaid, Qualified by Law to Vote in Electing Representatives, Humbly Shews;—

That Your Petitioners, together with Other Inhabitants, & Freeholders, Of the Towns Afores^{d}, Qualified as Afores^{d}, Being Notified Agreeable to Usual Custom, Met in Londonderry Afores^{d}, & then & there proceeded, as May Appear by a Copy of S^{d} Meeting herewith Exhibited.

And Whereas, it has Allwiys been the Custom in Londonderry Afores^{d} in Chusing a Representative or a Town Officer, That he who had the Majority of Votes Compaired with any other Individual voted for, was Deem'd Legally Chosen: Therefore, Numbers of your Petitioners, when it was known that James M^{c}gregore, Gent^{n} had the Majority of Votes By Eleven Compaired as Above, Left the Meeting, & far the greater Number of those that Staid, beleiving as Aboves^{d}, Did not Vote, But if it is, as Some Alledge, that the person Chosen Representative, must have the Majority of all the votes then by our Mistake we have Mised the Opportunity, & neglected to Emprove our Priviledge of voting for or Against a Representative; & the Gentleman s^{d} to be our Representative, was not Chosen by the Majority of Voters, belonging to the Aboves^{d} Towns Nor by the Majority then present as will Appear by the Above s^{d} Copy. Now if our Custom is According to Law, James M^{c}gregore aboves^{d} is Representative for the abovesaid Towns, & we Doubt not will be Declared so by your Honours, & Accordingly Allow'd a Seat in your Honourable House; But if ye Latter is Law, we beleive you to be, Gentlemen, of too much Justice, Integrity, & Disinterested, Love for the Liberties, & properties, Of your Fellow Subjects, to Take the Advantage of our Unacquaintedness with Law, or to let any man have a Seat in your Honourable House, that Obtain'd it any Other Way but by the free Choice of a free people, or that

would hold it any other Way, if in his power. Therefore, Your Petitioners Humbly pray your Honours to Declare the S^d^ M^c^gregore our Representative. or order the Selectmen of Londonderay, & Windham afores^d^ to Warn, the Inhabitants Qualified as afores^d^ to meet at Such time & place as you think fit, & Elect a Representative, According to Law, & Such a man as the Majority, will be willing to Intrust with their Liberties, & Properties, & Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound will ever pray.

Dated at Londonderry Jany 25th—AD 1762.—

Mathew Thornton
Robert Boyes
Samuel Rankin
James Rogers
Robert Mack Junr
William Rankin
Joseph Cochran
James Cochran
John Wiar
Thomas Campbell
Robert Adams
David Mountgomery
Daniel M^cc^Neil
Daniel M^cc^Duffy
James Adams
Jonathan Gilmore
George Moors
Jesse Christey
Thomas Christey
Robert M^cc^Farland
Samuel Karr
James Campble
Samuel Archibald
Matthew Taylor
Nathaniel Aiken Junr
William Cunningham
Elias serjeant
Truworthy Serjeant
John Taylor
Hugh Greeg
John Patten
James Miltimber
David Anderson
James Anderson

Alexander M^cc^Murphy
James M^cc^Murphy
James Blair
John Wadle
William Adams
Jonathan Adams
William Adams Junr
Patrick Dugless
William Eayrs
Robert Morrison
James M^cc^Murphy Junr
Robert Fultin
Samuel Fisher
Samuel Morrison
John Hilandes
Thomas Hilandes
Moses Wattes
Robert Davidson
John Aiken Junr
James Aiken
Benjamin Nesmith
John Rogers
John Moor
James Boyes
George Duncan
John Duncan
John Duncan Junr
William Duncan
John Aiken
William Eayers Junr
Edward Aiken
Nathaniel Aiken
John Bell
Matthew Pinkerton

Robert Boyd
Hugh Moor
Robert Campble
Samuel Graham
John Clark
Edward Aiken Junr
William Aiken
James Anderson
William Boyd
Robert Cunningham
John Senter
Samuel Senter
Reuben Senter
James Gregg
William Alexander
John Woodburn
William Dickey
Joseph Willson
John Thompson
Samuel Thompson
Alexander M^cc^Alester
Matthew Clark
Joseph Moor
Thomas Nesmith
Thomas Burnside
William Dinsmore
Robert Dinsmore
John Cochran
John Dinsmore
James Jamison
William Jamison
James Hopkins
John Hopkins Junr
John Hopkins
Sampson Moor

James Lindsay	Isaac Bruster	Thomas Craig
Stephen Holland	John Scoby	John Nesmith
John Wallace	John Pinkerton Junr	William Miltimber
George Clark	David Pinkerton	James Clark
George Clark Junr	John Mack	William Taylor
Alexander Patterson	Robert Mack Junr	George Scoot
Robert Patterson	William Wallace	David Archibald
Thomas Willson	Christopher Eayrs	William Fisher
John Brown	James Betton	George Clark the third
Robert Archibald	James M^{cc}Cormick	
Robert M^{cc}Murphy	John Mountgomery	Samuel Clark
Samuel Huestin	James Campble Junr	John M^{cc}Keen
Alexander Huestin	James Taggart	John Gregg
John Hunter	Robert Logan	Samuel Gregg

[Set aside, and a new writ from the house sent out.—ED.]

[R. 2-192] [*Abstracts from Petitions of French War soldiers.*]

[In a petition dated "Londonderry this 5th day of February 1757," Daniel McMurphy stated that he was in the service in 1756, in Capt. John Shepard's company, and lost his gun, for which he wanted pay, and was allowed £8, 5. —ED.]

[R. 2-193] [In a petition, dated March 17, 1757, James Ligget stated that he was in Capt. John Moor's company in the Crown Point expedition, enlisted April 28, 1755, and was discharged October 10, 1755.—ED.]

[R. 2-194] The Petition of Moses Grimes of Londonderry Labourer, Most Humbly Sheweth, That your Petitioner was a Souldier in the Canada Expedition in the year 1757, In the Service of this Province under the Command of Capt Hercules Mooney & as such Proceeded to Fort William Henry, where after the seige he was Taken & made Prisoner by the Indians & Carryed to Canada, where he remained about the Space of four months & was from thence Transported to several parts of France & from thence To Plymouth in England where he Took Passage to Newfoundland & from thence to New York where

he arrived the Tenth Day of November 1758 & got home about fourth day of December, That your Petitioner During his Captivity had Hard fare & Ill Treatment from the enemy.— * * *

Moses Grimes

[He asked for an allowance, which was granted to the amount of £75 new tenor, March 14, 1759.—ED.]

[6-120] [*Relative to the Formation of Counties, 1769.*]

Province of New Hampshire

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Govr & Commander in Cheif And to the Honourable his Maj^{ts} Councel and House of Representetives for s^{d} Provence in General Assembly Conveen'd—

The Petition of us the subscribers being Inhabitants of the Town of Londonderry in s^{d} Province Most Humbly sheweth that Your Petitioners being Inform^{d} that the province is About being devided into Countys for the ease and benefit of the Inhabitants in General in transacting their business of a Publick nature & being also Inform^{d} that the General Assembly have Voted a small County to be sett off adjacent to the Westerly side of Merrimack, We Your Petitioners pray that the Towns of Bow Chester Londonderry Pelham Plasto salem Hampsted Sandown which lay Conveninently situated to s^{d} County May be anexed thereto as it wou'd save the most of the Inhabitants of s^{d} Towns thirty Miles travell in transacting their busines with Courts Judges of Probate Register &c And no other persons whatsoever wou'd (as your Petitioners Concieve) be Injur'd thereby— And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Sam^{ll} Boyes	Willm Clendinen	Math^{w} Taylor
Geo Reid	Robt Clendinen	Samuel Taylor
John Steward	John Morison Ju^{r}	John Hughes
Samuel Wilson	mathew Reid Ju	Adam Taylor
Thomas Steel	John Reid	John Durham
John morison	James morrow	Henry Scott
Nathl Martin	John Hopkins	John Douglass
Jno Steel	James thompson	John Durham
John Stewart Ju^{r}	James Nesmith	

[Other petitions of the same date and nature contain the following names :—ED.]

Joseph Gregg
Nath^{ll} aiken
John Cofren
Samuel paten
John Patten
John Gregg
James Gregg
William Gregg
George Gregg
Benjamin Gregg
Sam^{ll} Alison
Saml Allison—Ju^{r}
thomas Creage
David Craige
John Cate
James m^{c}murphy
Joseph Hogg
Abra^{m} Duncan
Thos m^{c}Cleary
Samuel Morrison
Maur. Lynch
moses wats
John Aiken
Thomas Hilande
Robert Boyes
David m^{c}clearey
John Watts
Mathew Thornton
George Duncan Junr
Charles mellen
Robert Craige
John moor
Robert moor
John moor

Patrck Dugles
Samuel Clark
Samuel morison
James Cochran
Johnthen Cochran
Samuel millar Juner
John miller
Hugh mountgumry
John dicky
addam dicky
Josaph Bell
Willm Hogg
Ja^{s} Hogg
Jno Hilands
Adam Wiar
Willm Wiar
Willia Holms
John Duncan iuner
John Duncan
James Aiken
Joseph Oughterson
David Oughterson
william Duncan
george Duncan
James Doack
John Doack
James Doack
James Miltmer
william Miltmer
James Hopkens
Daniel Miltmer
John Thompson
James wallace
Joseph Cochran

James Donaldson
Samuell Renkin
James Ewins
William Elliot
Alexander Kelso
Wm Adams
George Cochran
Robert Moor
Nathl Clark
Alexander Cochran
John Cochran
Willam Cochran
Edward Clemison
Georg Duncan
Robert Duncan
Robert Barnett
John Barnett
John Barnett Junr
James Duncan
Saml Dickey
Adam Dickey
Robert Dickey
William Wallace
Joseph Clyd
James Millican
Nethanel Hemphill
Thomas Clark
Willm Dickey
John Armstrong
John Armstrong Ju^{r}
David Gregg
Thomas Cochran
Elijah Cochran

[The following are from Windham :]

Robert Smith
Nathl Hemphill
James anderson
John Clyd

Hugh Clyd
John Campbel
James Betton
David Armstrong

Willm Campbel
Robert Hemphill

[The following are from Londonderry :]

Willm Rogers
George Davidson
John Davidson
John M Cartney

Joseph morrison
Abraham morison
James Shellis
Joseph Morison Junr

George m^{c}Allaster
Edward Aiken
William Eayers
John Woodburn

Alexander Davidson
nenian cochran
william Alexander
John Alexander
Robert Anderson
James Anderson
John Anderson
john Steel
john Steel jur
moses Steel
William steel
Joseph Steell
Isaac Page
Moses Grimes
Frances Grimes
Frances Grimes Juner
John Campbell
thomas Smith
William adams
Hugh Smith
David Campbell
John smith
William Hood
James Barnet
Reuben Page
Reuben page iuner
Simon Bradcest
Richard marshall iuner
Richard marshall the third
David Lawrance
Peter Robinson
Benjamin Kidder
Daniel Marshall
Andrew Cummings
Isaac Cumings
john marshall
wilyam Graham
Richard marshall
Samson Kidder
Mathew Reid
William Pettarson
Thomas Campbell
Daniel m^cNeal
Robert morison
William Alexander
Isaack Cochran
Sam^ll Cochran
Sam^ll Wallace
Wm Johnston
David Clendinin
Hugh Danshe
John Crombie Junr
Wm Eayrs
James Christy
James Crombie
John Wallace
James Lindsay
James Blair
John Ramsey
Wm Blair
John Crombie
Eliphlet Dusten
William Brodneck
Robt Clark
Jno Clark
Sa^ll Clark
James Ramsey
James Ramsey Junr
William Ramsey
Jam^s Eyars
Charles Cox
William Cox
William Cox Junr
Robt Smith
Willm Ranken
Samuel morison
Mo^s Barnett
John Barnet
James Barnet
Robt Barnet
Alexander Miller
Steph^n Holland
Reuben Senter
Jabes Town
William Boyd
James anderson
Benjamin Wilson
James anderson
Thomas mann
Edward Aiken
Joseph Boyd
Sam^ll Senter
Benjamin Senter
Robert Mack junr
Robert Patterson
Thomas Patterson
John Patterson
Rober^t Thomson
Rober^t Fulton
David mountgumrey
Samul graham
Adam Dickey
Elisha Cumings
Hugh mountgumrey
George Burrows
David Peabody
Philip marshall
Robert MacMurphy
Robert Adams
John Moor
william morrow
Jonathan Adams
John Holmes
John Dinsmoor
William Dinsmoor
Robt Dinsmoor
Sam^ll Morison
David Smiley
John Morison
John Stewart
Benjamin Thom
Sam^ll Morison J^r
William Thom
Robert Park
David Hopkins
Gain Armour
jn^o Morrow
jam^s Morrow
Moses Dutty
Aurther Darrah
James Gillmore
Alex^dr Park
Sam^ll McAdams
Mark Coin
Joseph Smith
Alex^dr Wilson
John Wilson
thomas wilson

Joseph Boyes	James Patterson	Alex^{d} Richey
Robert Boyes	Ebenezer Patterson	Tho^{m} Jameson
Saml Greg	John Clark	James Jameson
Abram Reed	Samull Thompson	william Jameson
John Livingston	John Thompson	Allex^{dr} Simpson
Allexander Stewart	Joseph Willson	Adam Tempelton
John Barr	John Willson	Charles Annes
James Alexander	James Gregg	Robt hopkin
Andrew Jack	David Woodburn	And^{w} Armour
James Cochran Jur	John Woodburn	Jam^{s} Thomson
John Stinson	thomas willson	jn^{o} Tufft
Nathan Stinson	Petter Patterson	Hen^{ry} Campbel
James Stinson	Alexander m^{c}allster	Sam^{ll} Campbel
Archibald Clindenen	Archibald m^{c}Allaster	Willm Campbel
David Morison	John m^{c}Allaster	jn^{o} Karr

[6–128] [*An Address to the Governor, 1773.*]

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Capt Genl and Govr in chief in and over his Majestys Province of New Hampshire—

The inhabitants of the town of Londonderry, beg leave to approach your Excell^{y} and to express their sentiments of gratitude, and affection, to your Excellency's person, and administration.—

We esteem it a peculiar mark of the favor of his gratious Majesty, that he has appointed to the supream command here, a Gentleman whose birth, and education, have been in the province, over which he presides. From these circumstances, and your Excell^{ys} known character, we early conceived, the most sanguine hopes, from your administration. Nor have we been disappointed. The unabated attention you have given to the intrests of the Province, has not only been felt by the people of your charge; but has been observed (we had almost said envied) by our neighbours who are without the line of your jurisdiction.

The cultivation of land within the government, and the extention of settlem^{t} even to regions that were scarce known when your Excell^{y} came to the chair, must be attributed in a great measure, to your care, and the benignity of your Government, But it has not been in this view alone that you have been the Patron of this people. To extend settlements, or to cultivate lands, while the people that settle and cultivate, are without the means of knowledge, might be rather injurious than beneficial. But these have not escaped your Excellenc^{ys} attention. The institution of a College in the wilderness, and the

liberal encouragement it has received from your hand is an abundant evidence of this attention.—

We cannot help mentioning as a peculiar happiness, of the people under your Excell^{ys} charge, that your ears have been always open to their voice.—The easie access they have gain'd; and the polite reception they have Met with; from you has afforded them the means of communicating and your Excell^{y} of receiving all necessary information of their wishes, and of their wants.—

We have been excited to make this address to your Excel^{y} as a testimonial of our sense of your benign Administration; and as an evidence of our opinion of any suggestions, that may have been made to the prejudice of your Excellency in these respects. And to assure you of our loyalty to the King and our affection to your Person—

That your Excell^{y} may live long; and long continue the happy Instrum^{t} in the hands of Providence, of much good to this people, is our ardent wish and prayer

Londonderry April 29 A. D 1773—

The Above Address was Read in a town-Meeting Legally Called for that purpose and it was Unanimously Voted that it should be presented to His Excellency John Wentworth Esq.

Atested per Henry Campbell Town Clerk

[6-130] [*Relative to Parish Affairs, 1774.*]

Rockingham ss Londonderry Febr^{y} 14th 1774

To James Betton—Esquire one of his Majestys justices of the Peace for said County of Rockingham

The Petetions of us the Subscribers being freeholders and Inhabitants of the old Parish of Londonderry in the County aforesaid humbly sheweth that by an Act of the general Asembly of this Province pased in the year 1739/40 there was A Parish set of from said Town Called the west or New Parish with Parish priviledges notwithstanding which they the said New Parish have always assembled and Voted with the petitioners in the Choice of Select men and other Town Officers and your petitioners have no proper officers of theire own to Call a meeting but have Lost that Priviledge

Your petitioners terefore pray that aCording To the Law of this Province in such Cases provded your honours would isue a warrant or notification to the freeholders and Inhabitants of

said old parish in Londonderry qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the meeting house in said parish on the 5th Day of march next at ten of the Clock in the forenoon for the following purposes namely to choose a Moderater Town Clerk Select men and all other town officers for the ensuing year and your petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever pray

Stephen Holland	James Cochran
Robert Clark	Robert moor
James Wallace	william vance
Samuel Alison	James Alexander
moses Barnet	John mcCartney
Samuel Barr	David Craig

A true Coppey of the affors^d^ Pitition

Attest Mo^s^ Barnett town Clerk

[6–131] [*Petition to have an Election set aside, 1774.*]

Province of Newhampshire

To the hon^ble^ House of Representatives for said province in General assembly Conven^d^

The Humble petition of us the Subscribers freeholders in the Town of Londonderry and windham in s^d^ province sheweth that Sam^ll^ Livermore Sam^ll^ Barr and Stephen Holland Esq^rs^ and Robert Moor and John Crombie Gentlemen under Collour of being Select men of a pretended east Town in Londonderry issued a warrant for Calling a meeting of the freeholders in the pretended East town in s^d^ Londonderry and allso a Notification to the freeholders of the west parish in said Londonderry for the election of a Representative for said Londonderry in the then Next General Assembly in Consequence of said warrant so illegaly issued as your petitioners Conceive there was a Meeting of part of the freeholders in s^d^ LonDonderry at which Meeting the part that inclined to Vote Chose Stephen Holland Esqr as a Representative for said town Y^r^ petitioners Conceiving the s^d^ Meeting illegal in every Respect Did Not Vote but protested Against the unwarrantable proceedings of the Same Wherefore they pray s^d^ Election May Be adjudged Void and that they May have a New Choice and your petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray

Londonderry April ye 12 1774

Andrew Todd	Benjn Gregg	Ja^s^ Nesmith
George Duncan	Mathew Clark	Jacob Chace
San^ll^ Fisher	Dav Anderson	Hugh Moor

John Nesmith
James Paul
David Paul
John taylor
Adam taylor
Samuel Taylor
James m^c^keen
Jonathan Gillmore
Robt Morison
Robt Hunter
Robert archbold
Arthur archbold
James M^c^Gregore Ju^r^
Ja^s^ Adams
Robt adams
Robt M^c^farland
John Karr
Robt wallace
James Hopkins
Sam^ll^ Elis
will^m^ Cunningham
Simeon Morral
Barnes Morral
David Colby
David Colby Ju^r^
David Tayler
will^m^ Taylor
Danil Cheney
Stephen Johnson
John Greg
Joseph Gregg
Sam^ll^ Gregg Ju^r^
James Milltimber
John Gunion
George Reid
Ja^s^ willson
John Nesmith Ju^r^
John Hopkins
John Hopkins Ju^r^
Robt Hopkins
Sam^ll^ willson
George Clark
Sam^ll^ Clark
Isaac Cochran
Thomas Anderson
will^m^ Gregg
Ja^s^ Gregg
George Gregg
Sam^ll^ Marsh
John Marsh
will^m^ Milltimer
John Cochran
John Annis
John M^c^keen Ju^r^
Robt M^c^keen
Thomas Clark
John M^c^keen
David M^c^keen
John Dunkan
Thomas Hiland
Ja^s^ Donaldson
Sam^ll^ Morison
Ja^s^ Nesmith Ju^r^
John Dunkan
will^m^ Dunkan
Robt M^c^Cluer
James MacGregore
Sam^ll^ Karr
John Aiken
Nath^ll^ aiken
Ja^s^ Aiken
John Bell
Isaac Bruster
John Pinkerton
Abraham Dunkan
Ja^s^ M^c^Murphy
Ja^s^ Taggart
George Dunken Ju^r^
Thomas Taggart
Robt MacNeil
John Hunter
Jonathan Adams
Daniel Hunter
Sam^ll^ Huston
Alex^r^ Huston
Ja^s^ Adams
John waddel
James Waddel
John Wallace
Ja^s^ Wallace
George wallace
Saml Renken
will^m^ Renken
will^m^ Cox
Ja^s^ Gorman
Joseph Cochran
John Weiar

[The election was declared illegal, and a precept for another one issued.—Ed.]

[6-134] [*Protest against the foregoing named Town-Meeting.*]

To Sam^ll^ Livermore and Samell Barr and Stephen Holland Esq^rs^ and Robert Moor and John Crombie Gentlemen We the Subscribers Inhabitants of Londonderry and windham Having heard that you have ordered warrants to be Set up to Call a Meeting at the Rev^d^ william Davidsons Meeting House on Saturday ye 2^d^ of April Next to Chuse a Representative to go to the General Court—we Do Hereby Take this Opportunity of

Entring our protest Aginst any of your proceedings that May Be Transacted at Said Meeting as your Warrant we think is without any Just foundation for the following Reasons—

Viz that we Do Not Look upon you to be the Select men o LonDonderry or any part thereof and that you have Taken Hold of the Sherrifs writ Directed to the Select men of Londonderry to warn Said Meeting without Bringing the Matter in Dispute who are the Legal Select men for Said Town before the proper Judges who are to Determine the Same Given under our hands ye twenty Eighth of March 1774

John M^c^keen
Ja^s^ MacGregore
Robt MacNeil
Robt Adams
James Adams
Robt Adams Ju^r^
James Hopkins
John Karr
Robert M^c^farland
Robert wallace
will^m^ Cunningham
Sam^ll^ Eli
william Tayler
David Tayler
Simeon Morral
Barnes Morral
Stephen Johnston
Abraham Page
Daniel Cheney
Ja^s^ Cheney
Daniel MacDuffe
James M^c^Gregore Ju^r^
Jonathan Gillmore
Archbold M^c^Murphy
Jonathan Adams
John Livingston
Robt Morison
Robert Hunter
John Hunter
John wallace
Robt archbold
Daniel Hunter
Sam^ll^ Renken
Samuel Huston
John Waddel
will^m^ Renken
will^m^ Cox
Joseph Cochran
will^m^ Gregg
John Nesmith
David Anderson
John Gunnison
Math^w^ Clark
James Gregg
Isaac Cochran
Thomas Anderson
Thomas Clark
George Gregg
John M^c^keen Ju^r^
David Colby
John Tayler
James Paul
David paul
Sam^ll^ willson
John Anniss
George Reid
Adam Tayler
Adam Dickey
Thomas Taggart
John Barnet
James Taggart
John Dunkan
George Dunkan Ju^r^
Ja^s^ M^c^Murphy
John Craige
Samuel fisher
John Cate
James Milltimber
Sam^ll^ Karr
Edward Eli
Robert Boyd
Sam^ll^ willson Ju^r^
Sam^ll^ Marsh
John Marsh
Ja^s^ willson
will^m^ Miltimber
John Hopkins
John Hopkins Ju^r^
Robert Hopkins
John Nesmith Ju^r^
Thomas Nesmith
Sam^ll^ Clark
David M^c^keen
will^m^ Dickey
Abraham Dunkan
Jacob Chase
John Dickey
Joseph Bell
John Pinkerton
John Dunkan Ju^r^
will^m^ Dunkan
John watt
George Dunkan
John Barnet Ju^r^
James Donaldson
Thomas Hiland
James Nesmith Ju^r^
Robert M^c^Clure
Hugh Moor
John Gregg
Benjamin Gregg
Sam^ll^ Gregg
Joseph Gregg
John Aiken
James Ewins
James Aiken
Nath^ll^ Aiken

Ja^{s} waddel	John Dinsmore	George wallace
James Adams	will^{m} Dinsmore	John Bell
Mathew Pinkerton	John Cochran Ju^{r}	David Pinkerton
Ja^{s} Dinsmore	Isaac Cochran Ju^{r}	John Pinkerton Ju^{r}
James wallace	James Cochran	Isaac Bruster
James Blair	Thomas Jamison	Thomas Craige Ju^{r}
Alex^{r} Huston	Thomas Craige	
Robt Smith	James Mackeen	

Evidence to the above paper

Samuel gregg Robert mckeen

[6–135] [*Reimbursement wanted for Money paid Men who turned out on the Lexington Alarm, 1775.*]

Londonderry October ye 9: 1775.

To the Honourable Congress of the Colony of New Hamp-Shire Convened at Exeter—

Gentlemen We the Subscribers being Selectmen for Londonderry Begs leave to lay Before your Honours That upon the Comencement of Hostilitys by the Kings Troops Last april we raised a Company of fifty men and Sent Down upon that Emergency and we advanced Twelve Pound L: M: for their Support as Billiting money Said Company Remained There upon Duty Eleven Days untill they were Dismised for that Time in order to Inlist a full Company to Join the Contenentall army untill The last of Next December and when said Company was raised we again advanced Six Pound L: M: as Billeting money to Carry them To Head Quarters——
Wherefore we Pray that your Honours would Take This matter under your Consideration and Reimburse Said Sums with the wages of said Company for the aforesaid Eleven Days unto your petitioners as said Company is very Earnest upon us for their Wages and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray

Mo^{s} Barnett
Willm Duncan
Sam^{ll} Allison
Hugh Montgomery
John Bell

[R. 2-195]

[In a petition dated June 14, 1764, Thomas Launen, of Londonderry, stated that he "Served his majesty as a Soldier in Capt Nehemiah Lovells Company in the Pay of this Province in 1762." His pay had been drawn on a forged order. In H. of Rep., June 15, 1764, he was allowed £7, 14, 6.—ED.]

[R. 2-197]

[Thomas Davidson, of Londonderry, stated that his son William was "a Soldier in the year 1762, under the Command of Capt John Hazzen in Colo John Goffes Regiment." He was sick at Crown Point, and there died January 10, 1763. Samuel Barr, acting as attorney for said Thomas, petitioned for the wages due said William.—ED.]

[R. 2-199]

This May certify that the bearer John Livingston within named went to Exeter and Brought A Horse and Cart from there to Londonderry and Carryd His Tools from there on his Expence to Medford to work as an armourer for ye Continentall army

James McGregore

April ye 10th 1776

[He presented a bill of expense amounting to £1, 7, 1. —ED.]

[R. 2-200] [*Petition of David George, Soldier, 1776.*]

[In a petition dated Londonderry, February 20, 1776, David George stated that he was "in Colo Arnolds Regmt going from Head Quarters to Canada and going up Kenebunk River the Batue overset and I lost my gun;" and further stated that he "Bought another gun from Samuel Cherry, and at the Time when generall mountgomery attempted to Storm Quebeck your Petitioner was sick in Hospitle and my gun was taken by a soldier who was taken Prisoner and I Lost her." He asked to be paid for the guns.—ED.]

[R. 2-201] [*Service of Minute Men, 1775.*]

To the Gentlemen members of the provincial Congress in Assembly Conven'd we the Subscribers Inhabitants of Londonderry humbly shews that we the said Inhabitants of said town afores[d] on hearing of the alarm and dangerous Estate of our fellow brethren on the nineteenth of April last and likewise after the battle at Bunker Hill repaired severall of us to their help which cost us much both money and time which we humbly pray you to consider and if you see fit be pleased to allow us a reasonable consideration as a Retaliation for the following charges occasioned by the same

at Concord alarm

James Nesmith for travel in going and coming from Londonderry to Cambridge 90 miles and 3 days service
John Morrison Jun[r] for travel 90 miles & 3 days service as above
Robert Wilson for travel forty five miles also 8 lb of pork and 25 lb of bread
John Barnet 9 lb of Poark and 9 lb of Bread
Samuel Morrison for travel 45 miles
Matthew Dickey Ditto 45 miles

After the battle at Bunker hill

Robert Willson Serving as a Capt, being chosen for an Emergency as a minute oficer for travel 90 miles and 3 days Service
Joseph Hogg as a Lieut. for travel 90 miles and 3 days Service
James Nesmith Ju[r] as an Ensign for travel 90 miles and 3 days Service
Samuel Morrison for travel 90 miles and 3 days Service
John Watts Ditto 90 miles and 3 days Service
Moses Watts Ditto 90 miles and 3 days Service
Josiah Duncan 90 miles and 3 days Service
Robert Hodge for 90 miles travel and 3 days Service
Hugh Jameson Ditto 90 miles and 3 days Service
James Boyes Jur for 90 miles travel also 3 days Ditto
James Boyes y[e] 3[d] Ditto 90 miles travel and 3 days Service
Jonathan George for 90 miles travel and 3 days Service
John Moor Ditto 90 miles travel and 3 days Service

the following persons travelled about 40 miles and then returned home again on their hearing that they were not needed—

James Thompson and James Donaldson as Sergeants
will^{m} wier w^{m} Lyon Thomas m^{c}Cleary James hogg Alex^{r} Craige John Morrison

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[R. 2-202]

[William MacMurphy stated, in a petition dated March 21, 1777, that he was "a soldier in Capt Joseph Estabrook Company in Col^{o} Timothy Biddles Regiment was taken Prisoner at a place Called the Cedars in Canada in may 1776 and lost a Number of articles to the amount of five pounds thirteen shillings and sixpence," for which he wanted to be paid.—ED.]

[R. 2-203]

[Daniel McMurphy, lieutenant in Capt. Elliot's company, was wounded at Bennington, August 16, 1777.—ED.]

[R. 2-204] [*Thomas Archibald, Soldier, 1778.*]

These may Certify that Thomas Archibald a soldier under my Comand at Fishkill by the misfortune of falling into the River Took a Lameness in one of his knees that Rendered him unfitt for Duty as a soldier and also unfitt to gain his Living by labour Which cost him a large sume of money to Doctors and Nurses and also for horse hire to bring him home

Daniel Runnels Capt

Londonderry march ye 9th 1778

[R. 2-205] [*Sergt. William Morrill, 1776.*]

These Certify that Sarg^{nt} W^{m} morrel of Captain Wm Stillsons Company of Coll^{n} Isaac Wyman's Regiment has drawn no wages in s^{d} Regiment for the month of October Last

Wm Stillson Cap^{tn}

Mount Independance Novem^{r} 13th 1776.

[R. 2-206] [*Soldiers' Enlistment, 1779.*]

Londonderry July ye 26th 1779

We the Subscribers being Inlisted Soldiers for Londonderry to serve the United States of America for six months acknowl-

edge to have Received from John Moor ten Pounds each of us as traveling fees to Providence Rec[d] by us

Thomas Drew	Winser his × mark Golden	John mccarty
archebald ———	John Ross	Neil his × mark Macgee
Witness present	William Alexander	Daniel m[c]Duffee

[R. 2–207] [*Samuel Thompson's Petition, 1780.*]

The humble Petition of Samuel Thompson of Londonderry, Inholder, Sheweth—That your Pet[ns] late son Samuel Thompson entered early into the Service of the united States—was an Ensign in Bunker Hill fight, and afterwards at Ticonderoga caught the Small Pox and died there Intestate without Issue. That the said Samuel the son in his life time viz[t] about the year 1774 Bargained with one John Rogers of Acworth attorney & agent to Col[o] James Rogers, (now with the enemy) for two hundred acre Lots in said Acworth then belonging to said James & being Lots No. 5 & 6 in the first Range there. * * *

Londonderry June 8th 1780

Samuel Thompson

[He stated that his son paid £18 for said land, and had made some improvement thereon, and that he wished to have it excepted in the confiscation of Col. Rogers's property, which was granted.—Ed.]

[R. 2–208] [*Col. Scammel recommends Lieut. Asa Senter for Promotion, 1781.*]

New Hampshire Village 17th of May 1781—

Cap[t] Simeon Sartwell late of the first New Hampshire Reg[t]. having Resigned the eleventh Ins[t] I do certify that Lt. Asa Senter being Senior L[t] in that Reg[t] is justly entitled to y[e] Promotion of a Captaincy & to take Rank from the twelfth of this Month

To the Honb[l] the President
State of New Hampshire

Alexd[r] Scammel Col[o]
1st N. H. R.

[R. 2–210]

[John Nesmith stated, Jan. 2, 1782, that he engaged "as a Lieut in the year 1777, and served as such until the 25th

of Sept. in the year 1779," when he resigned, but had lost his discharge.—ED.]

[R. 2-215] [*Joseph Hogg's Order.*]

Mr John tyeler Sir Please to Pay to Mr John Neell the hole of Mr Robert mc Nits wedges that is Due to him for Being acontell Shoger and In so doing you will obledge yours to Serve you

Londonderry September ye 6^d 1784

Joseph Hogg

[R. 2-217] [*Samuel Houston, one of Washington's Guard.*]

[In a petition dated Feb. 9, 1785, Samuel Houston, of Londonderry, stated "That your petitioner was draughted from Col^o Stark's Regiment into his Excellency General Washington foot-guard in February A D. 1776, and on the first day of January A D. 1777 your petitioner engaged in the third Regiment of Light Dragoons, for the term of three years; which full term your petitioner compleated in said service and was honorably discharged." He stated that he had received no pay from this state.—ED.]

[R. 2-218]

[This document is a petition from William Adams for an allowance for the depreciation of his wages, dated Londonderry, June 7, 1791. The following explains his case:—ED.]

[R. 2-222]

This may Certify whom it may concern that William Adams your petitioner was a Sergeant in my Company in Col^o Peabody's Regiment in the year's service at Rhode-Island in the year 1778—

Londonderry December 6th 1792

Danl Reynolds Capt

This may also certify that the above^d William Adams never received any Bounty from this Town for the abovesaid year's service

Danl Reynolds
Thomas Patterson
John Bell
} Select Men of Londonderry

[R. 2–223] [*Relative to Lieut. Robert Barnet.*]

[In H. of Rep., March 5, 1778, the committee on sick and wounded soldiers reported "that said Barnett was seized with a Fever and Scorbutic Disorders at Ticonderoga;" that "he sustains the Character of an able & brave officer." Said committee recommended that he be employed in some suitable service, and he was, on the first day of June, 1779, mustered into the regiment of invalids as lieutenant, as may be seen in R. 2–224, and the following:—ED.]

[R. 2–225]

This may certify that Lieut Robt Barnet has been Mustered in the Invalid Regt from the first of June 1779 but has drawn no pay in said Regt untill the first of January 82 and as it is Recommended by Congress for each state to settle with their troops up to the commencement of the said year 82 he is Recommended to the state of N: Hampshire to which he Belongs for a settlement of his back pay due

West Point Talmage Hall Lt Paymaster Invd Regt.
Novembr 2d 1782 Lewis Nicola Colln Invd.

[Lieut. Robert Barnet was placed on the pension list at three pounds per month, commencing June 25, 1783.—ED.]

[6–138] [*Petition for the Release of Stephen Holland, 1777*]

To the Honble the Committee of Safety for the State of New Hampshire—

Humbly Shew

The Subscribers Inhabitants and Freeholders in Londonderry—

That the distressed situation of our neighbour Colo Stephen Holland, a Person naturaly of a Slender Constitution, now greatly impaired, by his long Confinement (in a loathesome Goal, replete with the noxious fumes of an infectious Vault) under which we conceive, nothing but conscious innocence, & the Expectation of an Honourable delivery by the impartial Verdict of his Country could have supported him, induces us to interest ourselves in his behalf—

That, as the Superiour Court of Judicature, at which he expected to have his Trial next week, is, as we learn, to be adjourned to the twenty first Day of October next, we apprehend

that before that time, unless he is speedily releived by an Alteration of Diet, fresh Air & Exercise, his Strength already almost exhausted, will totally fail him, & the State by his dissolution be prevented of that Enquiry into his Conduct which Justice to it & him demands—

That as the inflicting Punishment upon any Person, for a Supposed offence, is incompatible with Justice, & the Principles of a free Government, so we conceive it is far from your honours intention with Regard to him; but would humbly submit to your Candid Consideration, whether such a tedious Confinement as he has undergone is not of itself a punishment; especially, if, in this State, no person, supposed guilty of the Offence, he is accused of, was ever deemed not bailable—

Wherefore we Humbly pray your Honours in your great Humanity, to commiserate his Condition, and admit him to Bail, upon such Security as in your wisdom, you shall Judge adequate—And as in duty bound Shall ever pray &C

Londonderry Augst 27th 1777—

James Cochran
Alexander Lesley
Andrew Smith
Dinis Haley
Thomas Smith
John Stinson
Nathan Stinson

[Other petitions for the same purpose contain the following names:—Ed.]

John Clark
Sam^{ll} Clark
William Cox
George Cochran
Charles Cox
James Crombie
John Crombie
Saml Campbel
Abraham morison
Mathew Reid
Richard Emerson
Joseph morrison
Robert Clinding
James Clandanein
Abraham Reid
Elisha Woodbery
John morrow
Benj^{a} Davis
Samuall Sandrs
Jeofrey Donohue
thomas Jameison
Hugh Kalley
Peter Kalley
Thomas mitchel
John Reid
Samuel Morison
Chelles Sargent
Samuel Sargent
John Steaurt
Thomas Stuart
Willm Humphry
Thomas willson
John Cochran
Robt Clindinin
James Thomson
James Cochran
Samuel morrison
thomos Creige
John morison
Robt Barnett
Sam^{ll} Allison
Andew Allison
Jesse anis
Bradley mitchall
Jonathan Cochran
Petor Petorson
Simon Williams Minister of the Gospel of Peace
Isaac Thom
Alexander Simpson
William Simson
John Kerr
John Simpson
Richard Kelly
Joseph Morison Junr

[Col. Stephen Holland was a prominent man in town prior to the Revolution; was a member of the provincial assembly from 1771 to 1775, being succeeded by Matthew Thornton in April of that year. Having been suspected and charged with being unfriendly to the American cause, he appeared at a town-meeting in Londonderry April 29th, and made a public declaration to the contrary. (Vol. VII, page 463.) He also signed the "Association Test" in 1776, notwithstanding which he proved to be a tory, was arrested and imprisoned, and his property confiscated.—ED.]

[6-141] [*Petition of Certain Persons to be annexed to Nottingham West, 1778.*]

To the Honourable the Council and assembly of the State of New Hampshire convened on the Eleventh day of Feby Ins^t at Exeter, within & for said State

The petition of us the subscribers being Inhabitants of the southwesterly part of Londonderry, Humbly shews, that we your petitioners live very remote from that part of Londonderry where all Bussiness of a public nature is transacted, nor is it but very seldom we can hear of the public Meetings of the said Town, And should we hear of such Meetings the distance is so far that but very few of us could Attend at all, & those who do, must do it at a Considerable Expence having Eight or Ten Miles to Travel for that purpose

That it very often happens, that when any Material Business is to be transacted, meetings are held, without our Knowledge, by which we loose the privileges enjoyed by Others. And as our Situation is much Nearer to the middle of Nottingham West it would be greatly for our Interest to be Annexed to that town, which we think will not prejudice Londonderry, as we pay no part towards supporting the Gospel in that town, but do it to the town of Nottingham West where we have helped to build a Meeting House and settle A Minister, and the Chief of Other Town Charges will diminish in proportion to the deduction made in Consequence hereof.

Your petitioners therefore most humbly pray that your Honours, will take the premises into consideration and give us leave to bring in a bill to Annex the south westerly part of Londonderry as described by a map of the same to be shewn the day of hearing, to the town of Nottingham West, agreable to a Vote of the said town of Nottingham for that purpose,

or otherwise as your Honours in your Wisdom shall see meet. And we your petitioners, as in Duty Bound shall ever pray

Feby 3^{d} 1778—

Levi Andrews	William Graham
John Smith	Moses Barret
Josiah Burroughs	Ezekiel Greele
Ebenezer Tarbox	David Peabody
Simeon Robertson	George Burrows
Simeon Barret	David Lawrence
John Marshall	Sampson Kidder
James Barrett	Richard Marshall
William Hood	Benjamin Kidder
W. Elener Graham	Hugh Smith
Joseph Steel	Willm McAdams
Isaac Page	Thomas Smith
Philip Marshall	Joseph Hobbs

[The foregoing request was granted, and the territory annexed to Nottingham West, now Hudson, March 6, 1778. —Ed.]

[6–142] [*Relative to certain Persons being annexed to Windham, 1778.*]

To the Honble General Assembly for the State of New-Hampshire, Convened at Exeter, Novr 17th AD 1778—

The subscribers select men for the Town of Londonderry the present year Humbly shews.—

That one Samuel Clark of said Londonderry, has informed your petitioners, that he has petitioned your Honours, to be disannexed from Londonderry, & annexed to Windham, & as there are sundry in Londonderry, & Windham in similar circumstances, with said Clark, & as Londonderry are very desirous to make a just & Equitable Exchange with Windham for the whole by a Committee from each Town.—

Therefore your petitioners Humbly pray for time, & Opportunity to make such agreement,—Or in Case we are Obliged to trouble your Honours, that we may have the Liberty to lay the whole before you at once, & your petitioners as in Duty will ever pray &c

John m^{c}keen
James Wallace
Robert MacMurphy
} Select men

[6-144] [*Recommendations for Military Officers, 1780.*]

Londonderry June ye 19th 1780

In a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town partly for that purpose Called and held this Day it was voted that John Bell Esqr be reccomended to your Hon^rs to be Commissioned as Chief Colonel and Maj^r Daniel Runnels as Lt Colonel of the Reg^t of malita Late Col. Thorntons—

John Moor town Clark

Test—

James wallace
Robert McNeill
James Nesmith Ju^r
Andrew mack
} Select Men

[6-145] [*Relative to the Enlistment of Londonderry Men by Massachusetts, 1781.*]

To the Honble the members of the Council and House of Representatives in Genl Assembly Convened at Exeter in the State of Newhampshire—

The Petition of your Subscribers humbly sheweth—That we the Subscribers select men for the town of Londonderry being Called upon by your Hon^rs to furnish and raise for the filling up of the Continental army Thirty Three men the which has not yet been fully Compleated—In the mean time several Gentlemen from the State of the Massachusetts Bay Came into the town of Londonderry and have Inlisted into the service of s^d State a Large Number of the Inhabitants of s^d Town which we Esteem a Great Prejudice and Grevance to us the Inhabitants of s^d Town on account of the want of Inhabitants in said town If Called upon for a new Levy and also on account of the Deficiency of this States Quota as well as the want of their part of the proportion of their Tax in these Difficult Times and understanding that Timothy Harrington and four others from said Town were on their March to Join said Massachusetts Troops—we the Selectmen of said Londonderry thought it Adviseable to detain said Harrington and Company and hold them in Custody untill your pleasure herein is known—

we therefore in behalf of s^d Town as well as in behalf of the State in Gen^ll pray that your Hon^rs would take the Same into Imediate Consideration and take some Effectual measures (If your Hon^rs sees fit) that the same may be finally prevented as well as all others from going into the Service of s^d Massachu-

setts State untill this States Quota is fully Compleated and your Petitioners Shall ever Pray &c—

L: Derry March ye 19th 1781—

James Wallace
Daniel Hunter
Andrew mack
James Nesmith Jr
} Select-Men

[6–146] [*Relative to the Line between this Town and Windham, 1782.*]

To the Honorable the Council, and House of Representatives of the State of New-Hampshire in general Assembly convened at Concord, the 10th Septr 1782, the petition of the selectmen of Londonderry humbly sheweth, that,

Whereas, by an act of the general Court of the Province of New-Hampshire, passed the 12th February 1741–2, a certain district was laid off the south side of Londonderry, and incorporated into a town, by the name of Windham, limited by certain metes and boundaries (viz) beginning at the house of John Hopkins, and thence running eastward and westward, as appears from a copy of the act; it was generally supposed by the inhabitants living near the line, that the easterly line would strike a certain internal angle of said Londonderry, as seems to have been the intention of said act; but, contrary to expectation when, about four years ago, the said easterly line was run, it was found to leave the said angle a little to the southward, by which means a strip of land, one mile and three quarters long, and but about fifty five rods wide, is included in said Windham, as appears from the plan herewith presented; and some of the owners of land in said strip are taxed in Windham for the same, which has always been considered and taxed as belonging to Londonderry, which is looked upon by us as a great grievance: we, therefore, your petitioners in behalf of the town and the aggrieved, humbly pray your Honors that the said easterly line should be continued no further than till it comes opposite to the said angle, or that it should run directly from the said John Hopkins's house to the said angle—

And your petitioners shall ever pray &c.

John Aiken
John m^ckeen Ju^r
Robert Thomson
Abel Plummer
Daniel Hunter
} Select-men of Londonderry

[In H. of Rep., Nov. 15, 1782, leave was granted to bring in a bill for the aforesaid purpose.—Ed.]

[6–147] [*Relative to foregoing Matter.*]

This may certify that the internal angle of Londonderry commonly called the Crank is but fifty two rods and nine links from Windham line, as measured by—

John M^c^keen
Caleb Duston

Londonderry 2 Sept. 1782.

[6–148]

This is to Certify that we the Subscribers Selectmen of Londonderry for the year 1781 Did Not Make any Aggreement with windham Select men Concerning that Disputable Land of Lieu^t^ Pauls
witness our hands

Londonderry Septr ye 6th 1782

James Wallace
James Ramsey
Daniel Hunter

[6–149] [*Verbal Agreement Made.*]

These may Certify whom it may Concern that We the Subscribers were Sellectmen for the Town of Londonderry in the year 1781 Whereas there was a petition prefered to the then Genl assembly of the State of Newhampshire by the Sellectmen of said Town setting forth that by the Act for Incorprating Windham into a parish it included a Certain peace of land which ought not to be included in the same and Whereas the Hon^bl^ Court Did recomend it to the Sellectmen of both Towns to settle the Matter: in Consequence of said recomendation we the Sellectmen af Lond^ry^ Did meet with the Sellectmen of said Windham and made a Verbal agreement Concerning the same
Wittness our hands
Oct^br^ 5th 1782

Andrew mack
James Nesmith, Ju^r^

[6–150] [*Protest against Mrs. Jane Holland's having permission to return, 1782.*]

To the Honourable the Council and Gentlemen of the Honble House of Representatives in General Assembly at Portsmouth Convened December 1S^th^ 1782

The Humble Petition of the several persons Inhabitants

within the State of New Hampshire whose names are hereunto set and Subscribed

Sheweth

That your Petitioners have heard with the deepest Concern that the late General Assembly at their last Session in Exeter passed a Resolve therein Granting leave that M^{m} jane Holland (the wife of Stephen Holland Esqr an Absentee and an avowed Enemy of the United States) may Return for some time to this State

That they Conceive this will encourage the Rest of the Absentees in alike mode of Application contrary to the Sense of Congress and the neighbouring Common wealth of Massachusetts

That the People in General are Greatly Alarmed as beleiving sho^{d} that Lady return she will be the Channel of Inteligence and correspondence between our Enemies at New York and those here amongst us, And your Petitioners dread the Consequence

Therefore

They most Humbly pray your Honours to take this matter into your serious consideration and that M^{m} Holland may be prevented from coming back Eiether by Rescinding the said Resolve or in some other manner as your Honours in your wisdom shall think best And your petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray

Hezekiah Lovejoy	William Lyons	Robert Waugh
Eli Wilkins	Isaac Duncan	Jno C McNeill
Willm Wilkins	John Morrison	william Boyes
William Steward	Jonathan Nesmith	Wm Livingston
Amos Stickney	James Nesmith	Robert Campbell
Nathan Fuller	Robert Nesmith	Archibald McAlester
Amos wilkins	James Boyes	Daniel McNeill
Richard Gould	George McAllaster	John Smith
James Woodbury	James Boyes the 3	Thomas Willson
William Bradford Jn.	James Boyes	Benjn M^{c}allaster
	Samuel White	Josiah Warren
Joseph Perkins Ju^{r}	Joseph McClenche	Antipas Dodge
William Bradford	Michael Keef	Silas Walker
Elisha Hutchinson	Robert Dinsmoor	Alexander Willson J^{r}
Abijah Wilkins	Robt McCluer	
Joseph Perkins	John Giles	James Caldwell
John Cate	Ebenezer Giles	James Willson
Oliver Carlton	Robert Morrison	John McLaughlon
Ben^{n} Lewis Jn	James Aiken	Nathaniel Martin
Ephraim Hildreth	John Dinsmoor	John Davis
Peter Woodbury	John Aiken	Joseph Leach
Joseph Steel	John Barnett	James Cairns

John mcmillan Jur	James Hunter	Robert Patterson Jr
Jeams hoptings	alexander willson	Joseph Heselton
Joseph Langdell	Robert Willson	Elijah Cochran
John Mills	Elisha Dodge	Elisha Dodge Ju
Solomon Kittredge	Benja Dodge	Robert martin
Timothy Smith	Robert Patterson	Joseph Davis
William Duncan	Jacob Hooper	
James morrison	John Wells	

[6–161] [*Abstract from Town Inventories, 1782–'83.*]

	1782	1783
No. Polls from 18 to 75 years	453,	442
No. of female slaves	3,	3
No. of acres of orchard	283,	283
No. of acres of arable land	1325,	1290
No. of acres of mowing	2650	2602
No. of acres of pasture	2643,	2662
No. of horses & mares	298,	282
No. of oxen	599,	580
No. of Cows	823	835
No. of horses and cattle 3 years old	392,	270
No. of do. do. 2 years old	338,	335
No. of do. do. 1 year old	412,	446
Sum total of the value of buildings &c	£38925, 0, 0,	£37166, 0, 0
Sum total of real estate owned by non-residents	£0, 0, 0,	£2225, 0, 0
Sum total of stock in trade	£375, 0, 0,	£240, 0, 0
Sum total of money in hand &c	£175, 0, 0,	£0, 0, 0

Jonathan Griffin
David Paul
John McKean Jur
} James Aiken, David Adams — Selectmen

Sworn to before John Bell Justice of Peace

[6–162] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Province of New Hampshire Rockingham ss

Pursuant to a vote of the Gennerall Assembly of the state aforesaid ordering and Directing the selectmen of Each Town in said state to return under Oath to the General Assembly of the state aforesaid the Exact Number of Male Polls of Twenty one years of age and upwards paying for themselves a pole Tax

in said Towns in order to apportion the Representation according to the new Constitution—we the subscribers—selectmen of the Town of Londonderry have accordingly Taken the number of male polls in said Town from Twenty one years of age and upwards and the number of said polls are four hundred and fifty three

Londonderry 22d Decr 1783

and thier is also nine Polls of twenty one years and upwards living on Londonderry land which was Exempted from windham—

Jonathan Griffin
James Aiken
David Paul
John mckeen Jur
} Selectmen for Londonderry

Rockingham ss 22d Decr 1783

Then the above named Jonathan Griffen James Aiken David Paul and John MacKeen Junr all personally appeared and made solemn Oath that the above Number of polls was taken faithfully and Impartially,—

Sworn Before John Bell Justice Peace

[6-163] [*Petition to be exempted from paying Ministerial Tax in the Old Parish, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To the Honorable the Council and House of Representatives for said State to be Convened at Concord Upon tusday ye 10th Day of June 1783

The Petition of the Subscribers Humbly sheweth that we were Members of the Church and Congregation leatly under the Tuition instruction and pastoral care of David McGregore late of Londonderry in said State Clerk Deceast, that since his Death we (some part of the time) hired Preaching in that parish, A privilege we highly Esteamed, and should be Happy if we Could longer Enjoy it in peace, and the loss of it Most sencebly touches the fellings of every Christian, and we are Allways Ready to pay Ministerial tax where we preform Devine worship according to the laws and liberties of the Gospel and that Religious Liberty that has been so earnestly contended for by the United States (viz) that of Consceiences—Notwithstanding the Selectmen of the Old Parish (as they Call themselves) in said Londonderry for this some Years past Have

Assesed and taxed Us for the Support of the Revd William Davidson whome we never Chose for Our Instructor or Pastor and whome we Cannot Receve As Such, and the Meeting House is all Privet property and is far from being Centeral and the Greater part of Us has No priviledge in it all thow some of the valuable part of it is the property of pearsons that are Not taxed for, Nor Contribute Nothing (in that way) to the support of the said Mr Davidson, nor can we be addmited within the same without Incroaching on other mens property—Yet Notwithstanding they tax Us—and for the payment of the same some of us they Have Destrained—others they Have repetedly Imprisoned and has put Your Petitioners to Great truble and Cost those with other Reasons we could Offer is looked Upon as a Greate Greavence By Us—

Wherefore we pray Your Honours to take our case into your Wise Consideration and Exempet Us from paying tax for the support of the said Mr Davidson and that we have leave to pay our tax where we chose to attend Devine worship or relieve Us in such a way and manner as Your Hon^{rs} shall Se fit—

And your Petitioners as in Dutey Bound Shall Ever Pray &c—

John Gregg	John Taylor	Thomas anderson
James m^{c}keen	James Taylor	John Gunnion
Robert MacMurphy	John Taylor Junr	William Alexander
James Paul	David Taylor	James Gregg
John Nesmith	John Carr	John Gregg Junr
William Taylor	Robt McMurphy Juner	Joseph Gregg
Jonathan Adams	Alexander McMurphy	Daniel Miltimor
Adam Taylor	William Miltimer	Robert Willson
James Willson	mareyan marsh	James Miltmor
Samuel Taylor	John Hopkins	Matthew Clark
Daniel Hunter	John Hopkins Junr	Jean orr
James Dinsmoor	George Gregg	Robt Smith
David Paul	Isaac Cochran	John Taylor 3^{d}
James Waddell	Joseph Gregg Junr	Jonathan Adams Joner
William mac murphy		

[6–164] [*Instruction to Representative, 1783.*]

To Col^{o} Daniel Reynolds and Li^{u} Archibald M^{c}murphy Representatives for the Town of Londonderry for the present year—

Gentlemen—

As it is our undoubted Right at all times to instruct our Rep-

resentitives we do now Solemnly in Town meeting Instruct you to oppose by every method in your power the Grant of five years full pay to the Continental officers as recommended by Congress as it is unreasonsble unjust and Verey opprisive it would lay such a burden on us as we nor our children should ever get clear of

Londonderry September ye 29th 1783

Voated to accept the forgoing as Instructions to said Representatives

Test Willm Anderson Town Clerk

[6-165] [*Relative to Counterfeit Money.*]

The Comittie of Safety in Londonderry think it thier dutey to inform the Committee for the State or General Asembly that Mr Mathew Diky of lawfull Age and Good Reputte Will Testify if Caled that John Moore of Londonderry told s^d Dikey that Dinnes Oheley had Neer the Bignes of A Bible of Counterfit Money and that s^d Oheley would give to Any of his Comrads a Thirty Dolar Bill for a Gill of Rum—

Joseph Gregg C. Man

[6-166] [*Petition of sundry Persons to be annexed to the East Parish, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To the Honble the Council and House of Representitives in General Assembly conven'd at Concord.

December 1783.

The subscribers Inhabitants of Londonderry in the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid

Humbly Sheweth that by a partial line drawn between the two Parishes in said Londonderry your Petitioners fell into the West Parish, that we are but One Mile distant from the Revd Mr William Davidsons Meeting House in the East Parish, and upwards of Three miles from the Meeting House in said West Parish, that we own pews in the Revd Mr Davidsons Meeting house and constantly Attend divine service there, that we are Tax'd to the Ministereal and other Parochial Taxes in the West Parish, where we do not receive and considering our local situation cannot receive any benefit, that our Lands are in one Compact body in the extreme corner of the Parish there will

be no difficulty in Annexing us to the said East Parish, and it appears highly probable to us that a very considerable number of persons in the extreme part of the last mentioned Parish would gladly joyn with the west Parish.—

Wherefore we humbly pray your Honours would take our case into your Wise consideration and if it appears reasonable Annex us and our Estates for all Parochial matters to the said East Parish, and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever Pray.—

Londonderry Decr 20th 1783.

William Wallace
John Holmes
Jonathan Reed
John Wallace
John Neal

[In H. of Rep., April 7, 1784, the foregoing petition was granted.—Ed.]

[6–167] [*Relative to Parish Affairs, 1784.*]

Londonderry February the 10th 1784

At a legal meeting of the Inhabittants of the Town aforesaid Called by more then thirty of the Inhabitants of said Town—

Voted that Capt John Neal Leiu^{t} william wallace Leiu^{t} John Holmes and Jonathan Reid members of the west Parish with thier Estates that they are now posesed of according to the ammount of Invoice be Exchanged for Thomas Anderson Samuel Cochran Isaac Cochran widow Mary Alexander william Alexander and Hugh alexander members of the East Parish with thier Estates that they are now posesed of according to the amount of Invoice and that the said John Neal william wallace John Holmes and Jonathan Reid with thier Estates shall belong to the East Parish and that the said samuel Cochran Isaac Cochran Thomas Anderson Mary Alexander william alexander and Hugh alexander with thier Estates shall belong to the west Parish and voted that the selectmen Request the generall Assembly to Confirm the above vote

Test William anderson Town Clerk

Jonathan Griffin
John Mackeen Ju
Wm Lyons
Willm Adams
} Selectmen

[6-168] [*Petition to be annexed to the West Parish, 1784.*]

Londonderrry March the 16th 1784—

This May Certify to all that it Doth Concern, that it is the Desire of us the Subscribers to be Exchanged from the East parish in s^d^ Town into the West Parish—For Lt Willm Wallace & Lt John Holms Captn John Neal and Jonathan Reid according to a Vote of the Town

Witness our Hands—

Thomas Anderson
Isaac Cochran
Sam^ll^ Cochran
Hugh Alexander
Willam Alexander

[6-169] [*Petition for a Sunday Act, 1784.*]

To his Excelency the President the Honourable Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Newhampshire to be Conven^d^ at Portsmouth in said state on the third wednesday of october Next—

The selectmen of the Town of Londonderry for and in behalf of the Inhabitants of said Town humbly sheweth that it appears to us that the Lords Day is not kept holy agreeable to the command of the supream being by numbers of People who are so bold and daring that they will prosecute thier secular business on said Day such as Driving loaded Teams riding Jorneys and the like contrary to the Command of God which practice is very heinous and we fear if not speedily prevented will bring down the Judgments of a righteous God upon this land The act of law now in force for keeping said Day we think is not Explicit Enough nor officers Enough Injoined in said act to carry it into Execution Wherefore we pray your honours would take the matter under Consideration and in your great Wisdom establish a law for the due observation of said Day and your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall Ever Pray &c—

Londonderry sept^r^ the 15th: 1784

Jonathan Griffin
Samll Pilsbre
Willm Lyons
} Selectmen for Londonderry

[6-172] [*Relative to Paper Money, etc., 1786.*]

State of New Hamsphire—

To the Honourable General Court of said State to be convened on the first wednesday of June next
Humbly Shews—

The Subscribers inhabitants, of the Town of Londonderry in the County of Rockingham in said State; that your petitioner labours under many and very great difficulties on account of the great scearsity of a circulating medium of trade; Also great uneasiness has arisen in the minds of your petitioners and many others on account of a claim lately made to the uncultivated lands within this state; and as your Honours are the Guardians, of the Rights and privilidges, of the people; and as we have no other regular way of redress, than by applying to you, therefore we humbly request that your Honours, would take our case under your wise consideration and grant us relief by acting on the following Particulars,

1st That you would not allow those parsons purchasers of the Allen claim so called any part of their claim within this state.

2dly, That not any of those persons that are purchasers of said Allen's claim hold any commission of profit or Honour within this state for the space of one Year.

3dly That the General Court take up the matter respecting the Masonian title, to the certain lands in this state, which we think their title to is not good; and that those lands claim'd by them be converted to the use of said state.

4thly. That there be a bank of paper Money made to redeem this States security.

5thly. That the General Court petition Congress to redeem the Continental paper currency that is in the Treasury in this state; the same being more than our proportion of the same.

6thly. That the Ports and Harbours in this state be open'd and a free trade for all except the Refugees.

Londonderry June 5th 1786.

Richard Adams	James Eayrs	Nathaniel Jewett
Jonathan Adams	William Eayrs	John Crombie
James Boies	Robert McNeill	
Peter Colquhoun	James Ramsey	

Willm Eayrs Sine that a bank of money may Be meade on land Securetey—

Sal Clark	James mcgregore	Alexander Blair
James Dinsmore	Matthew Pinkerton	Timothy Harington
Willm Adams	Josiah McNeill	Jonathan Adams
Samuel Adams	David Adams	Nathaniel Brown

Nathaniel Brown Signs that Money be not made on State Security since they are bought by the Gentlemen almost for nothing.

William Adams	James Adams	Moses Rolfe
Daniel m^c^Duffee	David Blair	

[Other petitions for the same purpose contain the following names :—Ed.]

Wm Moor S.	Jonathan Jones	George M^c^Allaster
Wm Moor J	Elijah Dwinell	Ephraim White
John Anderson	John Clark	Robert Morrison
Joseph Leech	Matthew Clark	James Page
Enoch Burbank	James Clark	James Boyes
Deniel Heatton	Joseph Curtice	James Boys Jur
Jonathan ———	James Thomson	Samuel Corliss
Joseph Ayer	Robert Clark	James Nesmith
Samuel m^c^Adams	Isaac Cochran	Robert Nesmith
Saml Grihams	John Hughes	Thomas Grear
James Anderson	James Rogers	Samuel White
Joseph Anderson	Saml Ames	Robert Boyes
Allen anderson	Thomas Rogers	Samuel Boyes
Robert Andrson	Josiah Jones	Samuel Boyes Jur
David anderson	William Anderson	John Corning
Alex^dr^ Boyd	Joseph Anderson	Beniamin Corning
Thos Boyd	Ezra Burbank	Amos Stickney
Simeon Robinson	John Corning	Georg Corning
Tomas Dwinel	James Donaldson	Ebener Giles
Elijah Town	Robert Bartley	John Giles
john marsh	Robert Lyons	Joshua Corning
Jacob Nickels	James Wyllie	John Watt
James Nickels	Willm Lyons	Moses Watt Ser
Charles Cavandar	Phinehas Pettingill	Hugh Watts
John George	Henere Osman	Joseph Hogg
James Eastman	James Lyons	Thomas Hogg
James Folinsby	John Allen	James Hogg
Reuben Senter	Moses Watt	Thomas Hilands
Reuben Senter Ju^r^	Thomas M^c^Cleary Sr	Matthew Dickey
David Woodburn	Thomas M^c^Cleary	John Dickey
Isaac Dodge	Jur	Ebenezer Dickey
William Dickey	John M^c^Cleary	Jonathan Griffin
James Gregg	William Wier	Moses Griffin
Jonathan Greg	James Watt	Samuel Morrison
James Gregg	John M^c^Clenche	Nathan Plummer
josiah jones J^r^	James Hogg	Nathan Burpee
Joseph Chapman	David Adams	Davied Crowel
Jesse Jones	Amos Sawyer	Saml Crowel

Robert Dickey
Thomas Lennon
Thomas Holmes
Jiohn Norse
John Barker
Joseph Danforth
James Alexander
Joseph Gregg
James Orr
John Alexander
James Willson
Robert Willson
Nathaneal Hemphill
George Gregg
Ebenezer Gregg
Daniel Moore
Jonas Adams
Hugh Montgomery
William McCrae
Thomas Anderson
Daniel Anderson
James Anderson J^ur
John Anderson J^ur
Saml Cochran
Saml Cochran Joneir
Hugh Alexander
William Alexander
John Alexander
Edward Ela
James Macmurphy
Laurins Beckley
John Marshall
Jonathan Reed
Daniel Marsh
John Gregg Junr
Josep Gregg
James Gregg Junr
John Archibald
Willam Clark
Alex^dr Clark
Joshua Bayley
Abraham Safford Jur

Jsse Annis
Oliver Sanders
John M^ckeen Jr
James M^ckeen
Cheles Sargent
Daniel McKeen
Samuel McKeen
Stephn Holman
John Bailey
William Clinding
Stephen Reid
Abraham Safford
Joseph Prout
John Safford
George Russell
John Clindinen
Thomas willson
John Reid
Samuel morison
David Morison
John Warner
John Warner Junr
Nathaniel Warner
William Taylor
John Taylor
Samuel Taylor
Adam Taylor
Samuall Taylor
John Bond
Gilber Bond
Joseph Bond
Jonathan Bond
Ammi Bond
Josiah Stevens
Thomas mitchel
Robert Cochran
George Cochran
Moses Cochran
James Humphrey Junr
John Steel
David Steel

James Humphrey
Jacob Procter
Abraham moreson
Robert Clindenin
James Cochran
Peter Kalley
Nathaniel Symonds
John Emery
James Barnett
Parkur mooers
Adam Taylor
Robert Mckay
Willm. Humphry
Stephen Johnson
Samuel Savory
John Taylor
John Taylor Jun
David Davidson
David Colby
David Colby Junr
Simeon morrill
Barns morrill
Alexander Kelsey
James Doack
Jonathan Kelsey
Jonathan ferren
William fisher
David Ela
Alexand^er Nickls
James Nickls
Jonathan Nickls
Saml Karr
Robert m^cFarland
William Gilmore
John McCurdy
Samuell ———
Alexander Boyes
——— Plumer
Danel plumer
William Keesey
David Morrison

[6-172] [*Vote of the Town on Paper Money, 1786.*]

Londonderry September ye 9th 1786

on the Second Artickle the Number of Votes were taken for the Emission of a Bank of Paper money and found to be One Hundred and Sixty two by Poll for the affirmative and None Polld against it—

p^{r} Robert MacMurphy Town Clerk

[See Vol. XI, page 130.—Ed.]

[6-176] [*Letter,—Col. Reid to the President of the State, 1787.*]

Londonderry March 17th 1787—

Sir—

The time is near at hand when we did expect your Excellency in this quarter in Order to make a General review of the Troops under your command—I should be exceeding happy in seeing you here on that Occation, but Coll. Reynolds has intimated to me his sincere wish, that the review of his regiment might be postponed untill next fall; I believe his reasons are something weighty, to my knowledge three of the companies in this Town are in the utmost confusion & disorder, occationed by the late unhappy disturbance, I beleive he is useing his greatest exertions to have matters arranged and put in the best order possible, himself will give your Excellency his reasons for this request more fully—

I have the honor to be

Your Excellencys most

Obed^{t} Hble Servt

Geo Reid

[6-177] [*Daniel Reynolds elected to fill a Vacancy in the House of Representatives, 1787.*]

Londonderry Novr ye 19th 1787—

Then at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of S^{d} Town Col. Daniel Reynolds was Chosen unanimously to represent them in the next or any future Session of the Genl Court of this State

up to the first wednesday of June next in the room of John Prentice Esqr who is appointed Attorney Genl of this State—

Attested p^{r} us— John Bell, Geo. Reid., J. Nesmith Ju^{r} } Selectmen of L. Derry

Test William anderson To^{n} Clerk

[6–178] [*Petition of Congregationalists for an Incorporation, 1796.*]

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened at Exeter in and for the State of New Hampshire June 6th 1796

Humbly sheweth

That whereas the Town of Londonderry is large in its extents, and numerous in its Inhabitants, and but Two Societies established for religious worship, both of which are of the Presbyterian denomination, and that a very considerable part of the Inhabitants of said Town have been Educated under, and are in Sentiment with the Congregational denomination, and by reason of many scruples of Concience, cannot freely subscribe to the Creed of either of the societies aforesaid, And that another very considerable number of said Town, altho Educated under the Presbyterian government, have been unused to the riged & Abitrary mode of Government, adopted by the present Presbytery of Londonderry, and that the government of said society, under the present mode of Administration, is so riged, and arbitrary, as gives much occasion for complaints to those who have submitted thereto. Your petitioners therefore Inhabitants of Londonderry, being desirous of forming themselves into a Congregational society and of worshiping God in a social manner according to the dictates of their own Consciences, and when of sufficient ability, to settle, and in a corporate capacity to contract with a minister of the Congregational denomination, Humbly pray, that they with such other persons as may hereafter join them in said Town, may be incorporated into a poll Parish, and vested with such powers, rights, and privelidges, as other Parishes enjoy, And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Jonathan Adams	William Adams	Levi Neal
Willim Miltimore	James Adams	Robert McNeill
Daniel Miltimore	Nathan Stinson	William McNeill
James Miltimore	Humphry Morss	James McGregore

Jonathan Wallace	Isaac Thom	Edmund Black
James Doake	Robert Wilson	Robert Clark
Robert Ramsey	Willm Humphry	James Palmer
Willim Wallace	Benjn T. Humfrey	James Palmer Junr
John Miltimore	Robert Clindinen	Humphry Morss
John Neal 2^{d}	Robert Dinsmoor	Andrew Moor
Daniel Aiken	Robert MacMurphy	David Patterson
John Hunter	Robt McMurphy Ju^{r}	William Eayers
Jonathan Adams Jur	John Neal	John Prentice

[6–179] [*Committee chosen to present the Petition, 1797.*]

At a meeting of the Petitioners for a Congregational Poll Parish in Londonderry held at the House of Isaac Thom Novr 23^{d} 1797—

Voted to chuse a Committee of three persons to prosecute their petition now pending before the General Court & that John Prentice James McGregore & Isaac Thom Esquires should be said Committee

Attest Isaac Thom Clerk for the Petitioners

Londonderry Novr 23^{d} 1797

[6–180]

To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire to be convened at Portsmouth on the fourth wednesday of this instant November—

Humbly Shew that we the Subscribers, inhabitance of Londonderry in the County of Rockingham in said State, had not an opportunity to sign the petition, now pending before the Legislature of said State, praying to be incorporated into a Congregational Poll Parish in Londonderry aforesaid; and for other good Causes now pray the Honorable Legislature to consider us petitioners in the same way and manner as it would have done, had we have signed the original petition.

Londonderry November 11th 1797

John Miltimore Ju^{r}	John Hum: Clindennin	Joshua Dodge
John Cochran	David Clark	John Slingsby
Peter Cochran	John Burnham	John Boies
John Clark	Henery Downs	William Eayers J^{r}
Thos McKinley		James Ramsay

Benjamin Palmer	Charles Cox	William Cooper
Stephen Reynolds	Robert Rogers	William Moor
John Dodge		

[The society was incorporated by an act approved December 9, 1797.—ED.]

LOUDON.

This town was formed of territory taken from Canterbury, and incorporated "into a distinct parish by the name of Loudon," January 23, 1773, in answer to a petition from the inhabitants. (See Vol. XI, page 263)

The first settlements were made in 1760 by Jethro and Abraham Bachelder and Moses Ordway.

January 2, 1784, a gore of land which had formerly been claimed by Rumford, but which was left to Canterbury when Rumford was incorporated by the name of Concord, and incorporated with Loudon in 1773, was annexed to Concord.

January 7, 1853, a small tract of land was severed from Canterbury and annexed to Loudon.

[6-181] [*Petition to have a Portion of the Town annexed to Concord, 1782.*]

To the Honorable the Council and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Assembly convened

The Petition of Samuel Chamberlain & others Inhabitants of the westerly part of the parish of Loudon humbly sheweth, That your petitioners are situated at a great distance from the Meeting House in said parish which makes it very inconvenient for them to be connected therewith—Sensible thereof your petitioners did in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty petition the said Parish of Loudon to set them off to the parish of Concord which was granted and a Committee was chosen for the purpose of settling the line said committee persuant to their appointment did attend upon the business & made report of their doings thereon to the parish of Loudon

which report was by them Accepted and is as follows Viz Begining on the eastwardly banks of Sowcook River so called where said river crosses Rumford line thence running up said river on the eastwardly side within two rods of the foot of the Great falls so called thence straight across the neck of Land to the river two rods above said falls thence continueing up by the river on the Eastwardly side to the hundred Acre Lot No one hundred Ninety two thence by Ditto North about twenty two Degrees west two hundred rods to a Pitch pine marked thence North about thirty six rods to the North side of the road Leading from Canterbury to Epsom thence North seventy degrees west by said road about one hundred rods thence North sixty degrees west eighty five rods thence North forty five degrees west sixty five rods to a Pitch pine Marked thence North sixty three degrees west sixty two rods to a White pine marked thence Northwesterly a straight course to the North easterly corner of Rumford thence south seventy degrees west to the present corner of Concord

Your petitioners therefore pray your Honours to take the matter into consideration and if you shall think proper Annex them to Concord Agreable to the Above described line and Your petitioners as in Duty bound shall Ever pray &c

Loudon March 20th 1782—

Samuel Chamberlain
Abial Chamberlain
Sam[l] Chamberlain Jun[r]
Moses Chamberlain
Benjamin thomson

[A portion of this town was annexed to Concord, Jan. 2, 1784.—Ed.]

[6-182] [*Benjamin Sias recommended for a Magistrate, 1785.*]

State of Newhampshire Rockingham ss

To his Exelency the president & honorable Council of the State of Newhampshire.

The petition of the parish of Loudon humbly sheweth that it apears to us your petitioners that it is Needfull and Benifishel to the people of this parish to have another Justice of the peace appointed for s[d] parish & County we would Not be understood to have aney thing against Esq[r] Bachelder our present Justice but many times we have business in the Absence of Esq[r] Bachelder

which puts us to Extraordinary cost or our Business Must Lay unsetled we tharefore Beag that your Exelency and honors would appoint Capt Benjn Sias of this parish as Justice of the peace for s^{d} parish & County as we Look upon him to be a good Member of sociaty a man of a Good Judgment and Education More suitable for that office then aney other Man in the parish of Loudon and your petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray

Loudon april ye 20th 1785

Saml Chamberling	Trueworthy Palmer	Isaac Morill
Saml Chamberling Ju^{r}	henerey Sloper	Charles Sias
	Ezekiel french	Epheram Blunt Ju^{r}
paul Morril	Nathaniel Moore	olover Blesdail
Abraham Bachelder	Jacob Danforth	Isiah harvey
william Bachelder	Josiah Moore	Jonathan hoit
william worth	Thomas Moore	Moses ordway
william Lovering	Ezekiel Moore	Saml Morill
osgood Lovering	Jonathan Clough	Israel Glins
James Chase	Joseph Clough	Joseph Bachelder
Abner Clough	Nathan Clough	Joseph Giles
John hall	Jonathan Clough Ju^{r}	Jonathan pirkins
Richard Rendail	Thomas Sergant	David Greeley
Solomon Gils	Stephen pirkins	william Tilton
Jonathan piper	Jams Morill	william Goein
Saml Piper	Thomas Emerey	Ebenezer french
Aaron hartshorn	Jeremiah Benet	Moses Stephens
Epheram Blunt	Daniel Levet	Aaron Moses
Jacob Towle	Aaron Stephens	Nathaniel hill
william Boynton	Moses ordway Ju^{r}	william Buswill
Moses Lovering	Saml Lovejoy	obadiah french
Moses Morill	Phinihas Stephens	Eleaser watson
Timothy Bachelder	Daniel Ordway	Jams Cate
Abeal french	Daniel Bachelder	Saml Ela
Gearshom Merthes	Stephen Langmade	Jams Gibson
Thomas proctor	Barned Stills	Saml Shurborn
Lyonel worth	Nathan Tilton	Jacob Shurborn
Joseph Tilton	Jonathan Rendail	Isaac Lovejoy
Celab Pilesbury	harvey Blesdail	

[6–183] [*Vote relative to Paper Money, 1786.*]

At a Legal Town Meeting held in the Parish of Loudon this 24th of Novem^{r} 1786, for emitting a Paper Currency, It ap-

pears that Sixteen of the Inhabitants of said parish, Voted for receiving the Plan, and Seven against it.

John Sanborn } Select Men
Josiph Smith } of
James Thompson } Loudon

[See Vol. XI, p. 130.—Ed.]

[6–186] [*Joseph Smith recommended for a Magistrate about 1785.*]

To his Excellency the President & Honnereable Councillors of the State of new hampshire the pottision of Sundrea inhabatants of the Town of Loudon most humbaley Sheueth as thare is a Vacancy for a man viz a Jestus of the peace in said Loudon in Order to keep peace and good order thare in your petitioners humbaley Aprehend your Exelleys and honners greate care and wisdom which you have shewn in grating Commission of Every kind to suitable persons your petitioners tharefore prays your Exellincy and honners would grant Lt Joseph Smith of said Louden a Commission for the peace—as your potishoners ascertained and are Trewley Sensible of his Character and good Conduct for years past and will Undoubtedly give Sattisfaction in said offes to the Town in general your Exellincy and honners Complyance with this request will for Ever be Acknowleadged as a favour and your petitioners &c Shall Ever pray

Jethro Bachelder	Samuel Ayer	Joses ordway
willam Boynton	Barnard Stiles	John Sargent Junr
willam BachLder	Jeremiah Clough	Wm Wiggin
Jeramer Benet	Jonathan Chase	Jonathan Wiggin Ju^r
Lebe Bachelder	Moses morss	William Clefford
Jonathan Clough J^r	Taylor Lovring	Ezekiel french
Nath^el Bacheldr J^r	Joshua Walls	Samuel Chamberlin
ELisah mouLton	moar Lovren Jur	John spoksfeeLd
John moor	James Chase	Willam goan
willam gbson	Stephen Cate	Ebenezer French
Thomas Bachlder	Ebenezer Parker	David Bagley
Phinihas Stevans	Saml Cate	Isaac Pilesbury
Philip Brown	Dimond furnald	John Stevens
John Clough	Abarham bachaLder	Cornelius bussal
Samuel Cate	israel gLins	David Greeley
Jacob towl	nathaneL smith	Joshua Sargent
Palfry Downing	Abiel Chamberlin	Abner Clough

Ebenezer Towl	Ephraim Chamberlin	Daniel Levet
Daniel Smith		Jonathan Hoyt
Sam[l] Piper	Moses Chamberlin	Abner Clough
steven fiveld	Peter Rollings	Ausgood Lovran
Moses Ordway Ju	Samuel Chamberlain	moses Lovren
Moses ordway	David Eastman	willeby Lovren
Daniel ordway	daneL true	Hanson hight

[6–188] [*Another Recommendation for Jos. Smith.*]

A True Copy of the Original Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Loudon.

State of New Hampshire Rockingham ss

To his Excellency the President and Honorable Council for said State Convened.

The Humble Petition of us the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Loudon, Humbly Sheweth that Nathan Bachelder Esq[r] is about to remove out of said Loudon, and as it is necessary there should be a person appointed as a Justice of the Peace in that part of Said Town, and we conceive L[t] Joseph Smith to be a Man of the best Qualifications for that purpose and would give the best satisfaction to the People in general, and we beg your Excellency and Honors would appoint and Qualify M[r] Smith accordingly, and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever pray.

Loudon April 30th 1789—

Jeremiah Clough Esq[r]	Moses Ordway Jun	David Eastman
	Dan[l] Ordway	Daniel True
Samuel Chamberlin Esq[r]	Sam[l] Ayers	Joses Ordway
	Barnard Stiles	John Sargent Jun
Cap[t] William Boynton	Jethro Bachelder	W[m] Wiggin
	Will[m] Bachelder	Jon[a] Wiggin
L[t] Abner Clough	Jeremiah Bennet	W[m] Clifford
L[t] Palphrey Downing	Lebe Bachelder	Ezekiel French
	Jon[a] Clough	John Spokesfield
Jon[a] Chase	Nath[l] Bachelder	Will[m] Goan
Moses Morse	Elijah Moulton	Eben[r] French
Taylor Lovering	John Moore	David Bagley
Joshua Wells	W[m] Gibson	Isaac Pilsbury
James Chace	Tho[s] Bachelder	John Stevens
Moses Lovrin	Phin[s] Stevens	Cornel[s] Busiel
Moses Lovrin Jun	Philip Brown	David Greeley
Stephen Cate	John Clough	Joshua Sargent
Eben[r] Parker	Abr[m] Bachelder	Daniel Leavitt

Samuel Cate
Diamond Furnald
Jacob Towl
Eben^{r} Towl
Daniel Smith
Lt Saml Piper
Moses Ordway
Israel Glines
Nathl Smith
Abial Chamberlin
Eph^{m} Chamberlin
Moses Chamberlin
Saml Chamberlin
Peter Rawlings
Jonathan Hoyt
Lt Abner Clough Jun
Ausgood Loverin
Willibe Loverin
Hanson Hoyt
Stephen Fifield
Saml Cate Junr

[6-190] [*John Sanborn recommended for a Magistrate, 1789.*]

State of New Hampshire Rockingham ss.—

To his Excellency the President and Honorable Council Convened, We your humble Petitioners Inhabitants of the Parish of Loudon prays your Excellency and Honors that you would so far adhere to our request as to appoint and Qualify Capt. John Sanborn of Loudon aforesaid for a Justice of the Peace for said County, as we think it very necessary and consider him a Man of the best Qualifications amongst us, so with your Compliance we your humble Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray Dated at Loudon aforesaid April 10th 1789—

James Silver
William Gilman
Eleazer Young
Moses Rawlings
Samuel Jacobs
Stephen Jacobs
Joseph Drew
Ephraim Berry
Joshua Berry
Jethro Bachelder
Jonathan Sanborn
Eli Bickford
Caleb Stevens
Isaac Lowell
Joseph Mathes
Gershom Mathes
John Sargent
Samuel Carter
Moses Morrill
David Hutchins
Caleb Pilsbury
Thomas Procter
Nathl Weeks
Nathl Tilton
William Tilton
Gideon Lowell
Timothy French
Josiah Sargent
Obadiah French
Jacob Osborn
Simeon Stevens
Nathl Hill
Nathl Hill Jun
Stephen Wells
Moses Stevens
John Sweat
Saml Drew Jun.
Abial Stevens
Limuel Drew
Samuel Drew
Robert Drew
Isaiah Harvey
Jethro Bachelder
Saml French
John Rawlings
Ellet Carr
Danl Fowler
Josiah Rines
Jonathan Randel
Jeremiah Brown
Oliver Morrill
Benj^{a} Swain
Richard Flood
Phinehas Page
Thomas Sargent
Stephen Perkins
Jon^{a} Perkins
Isaac Clifford
Harvy Blasdel
Isaac Rogers
Oliver Blasdel
Joseph Moulton
Saml Morrill
Willm Moulton
Eliph^{t} Rawlings

[R. 2-234] [*List of Soldiers in the Army, 1776.*]

Loudon august ye 2nd 1776

To thos. Stickney Colonel Sir the training band Belonging to my Company In said Loudon Consisteth of sixty six men Exclusive of the Commission officers—

the alarm List in said Loudon are twenty men Eight of the above men are gone with the late Recruts in the Northern army Namely

Joseph Magoon	Saml Hanes	Andrew Nelley
Ezra Blasdel	Solomon Huntress	Amos Norton
Ephraim Davis	John Davis	

Benj^{a} Sias Capt

[R. 2-229] [*Soldiers' Enlistments, 1780-81.*]

State of Newhampshier Rockingham

I the subriah whose name Is under Ritten do Volenterily Enlist myself to save as a Solger for the Parish of Loudon at haverail in Coos until the last day of December Next wich Tarm of time I Promos abedeance to my offirsors and to be under the Rules & Rigalitons of the armey As witness my hand dated at Loudon this 10 day of Juley, 1780

John Gibson

[R. 2-230]

State of Newhampshir } agrable to ordors To Col^{o} Stickney A
Rockingham ss } Return of the Solgers that I have Enelisted to serve for the Parish of Loudon in the Contennential armey from the 12 Day of this Instant three months are as follows Namely Timothy Bachelder & Dudley Swain Moses Danford Enoach Bagley of Loudon and Levey Shaw of Gilmanton & Anthony Potter of Concord a Tru Return from your Most humbel Servent

Loudon Juley 17th 1780 Joseph Tilton Capt

[R. 2-231]

To Col^{o} Stickney A Return of the men that are Inlisted for the parish of Loudon to serve in the Contennintel armey three months unless sunner Discharg are Bejamen Davis & John Buswill Jonas wimon this from your humbail Servint.

Joseph Tilton Capt

Loudon September th 19 ye 1781

To Col^{o} Thomas Stickney in Concord

[R. 2-232] [*Soldier's Receipt, 1780.*]

Received of Joseph Tilton & william Boynton an oblagation for one hundrood & fifty Bushils of marchable Indon Corn It being In full Pay as a solgor for to sarve for the Parish of Loudon at havirial in Coos untill the Last Day of December and The s^d Tilton & Boynton are to have the wageas that the State Gives As witness my hand

John Gibson

Loudon Juley the 10 ye 1780

Nathan Bachelder
Job Haskell

[R. 2-233] [*Soldiers' Orders.*]

Loudon December 16th 1784

To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire.—

Sir, Please to pay Danl Cook or his order All that is due to me I having been a Soldier in the 5th Co of the 2^d New Hampshire Reg^t during the War.

Value Rec^d Witness my Hand.—

Attest
John Godfree
Samuel Gones

Enoch his X mark Dockum

Lowden Jany 4th 1785—

To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire

Sir, Please to pay John Nicholls or his order all that is due to me I having been a Soldier in the 3^d New Hampshire Regiment —Value Received,

Attest
Jonathan Smith
Jethro Sherburne

Witness my hand,

Zackriah his X mark Quinby

LYMAN.

This township was granted November 10, 1761, to Daniel Lyman and sixty-three others. Eleven of the grantees bore the name of Lyman, which accounts for the name of the town.

The conditions of the grant not being fulfilled, an exten-

sion was granted July 20, 1769, in answer to a petition from Abraham Thompson, of Connecticut, agent for the original grantees.

But few settlements were made in town prior to the Revolutionary war, there being but ten ratable polls in 1777.

By an act approved July 13, 1854, all that portion of the town lying west of Gardner's mountain was severed from Lyman, and incorporated into a town by the name of Monroe.

Gold, copper, and lead have been found in this town, and mined to some extent.

[6-194] [*Petition for an Extension of the Charter.*]

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captain General Governor & Commander in Chief in & over his Majestys Province of New Hampshire in Council—

The petition of Abraham Thompson of New Haven in the Colony of Connecticutt, Agent & Trustee for the original grantees of the Township of Lyman in the said Province of New Hampshire, Humbly sheweth—that your petitioner & his constituents obtained of the Late Governor of said Province, a Charter for the said Township of Lyman, and have proceeded to survey & allot the same and have also made some Settlements thereon but your petitioners have been greatly impeded in their progress by the unexpected Divisional Line, making Connecticut River the Boundary between the province of New York & New Hampshire, as your petitioners were Proprietors in several Towns on the western Side of said river on which they had made great Improvements, that this sudden & unexpected Determination threw them into great consternation, and they have been greatly harrassed by the Governor of New York, which with other expensive Discouragements, they have been unable to bring forward the Settlement of said Township so soon as they expected, but are determined to make a progress therein on the Ensueing Spring—Wherefore your Petitioner in behalf of himself & his Constituents the other Grantees of said Township of Lyman, humbly pray that Your Excellency & the Honble Council would be pleased to renew their Charter for said Township of Lyman or lengthen out the Time for settling the same, assuring y^{r} Excell^{y} & Honours, that we shall not fail to comply with the same, and further we pray to be relieved on the Premises as Y^{r} Excellency & Hon^{rs} in your Wisdom,

shall think may most conduce to Answer the Prayer of their Petition, and Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray—

Abraham thompson

Agent for the Grantees of Lyman

[The foregoing petition was granted July 20, 1769.—Ed.]

[6-191] [*Relative to Taxes.*]

The Honourable Representatives and Counsel of the State of New-Hampshire,—We the Inhabitants of the Town of Lymon County of Grafton and State aforesaid, Petitioneth an Abatement in Our Taxes from the year 1776 to this present time Humbly shewing Reasons why, said Town in 1776 were Eight in Number and Tax^d^ £ 0:—12. 6, in 1777 the like Number were Tax^d^ £60—15—10, the Same Number in 1778 were Tax^d^ £121—11—8, in the above Mention^d^ 1776, 1777, and 1778 Our Situation was such and the Number of Inhabitants so Small we Could not call a Town Meeting, at this time we are Eighteen in Number and Tax^d^ £379—10—0, Ten out of said Eighteen for three years past have paid Taxes in Other Towns for which they can produce Lawful Certificates, Consiquently the Eight Setlers first Mention^d^ will have all the tax to pay we have Sent a True Invoise as Our Polls and Ratable Estate Stood in April 1777, by said Invoise your Honours will find said Taxes too high as we were Scarcely able to Maintain Ourselves And Roads through said Lymon, if your Honours see cause or think it prudence to abate said Tax according to said invoise we shall Cherefully pay said Tax if not said Setlers must fall a Sacrifice to said State,—and as said Town of Lymon is not Incorporated or said Incorporation lost or Misplac^d^ we your Humble Petitioners Desire you would Appoint Capt Nathan Hodges of said Lymon to call a Town Meeting to Chuse Town Officers, that we may be Enabled to assess s^d^ Taxes and Lawfully gather the Delinquent Tax of s^d^ Town as your Petitioners are bound in Duty and Ever pray—

Solomon Parker	Solomon Parker J^r^	Job molten
Jonathan knap	Thomas m^c^Connell	obadiah Eastman
Abiail knap	Evan m^c^Bean	David Hodges
Jonathan molton	Lemuel Parker	oliver hand
Asa fuller		

[6-192] [*Town Invoice, 1777.*]

An Invoice of the Town of Lyman April 1777

Number of Poles 10 number oxen—4
num^r Cows—5
47 acres plow ground and Mowing 47

Nathan Hodges } Inhabitants
Thomas m^cConell } of Lyman

[6-193] [*Petition for Abatement of Taxes, 1779.*]

To the Honorable the Representatives and Council of the State of New Hampshire—

The petition of the Selectman of the Township of Lyman in the County of Grafton and State aforesaid—Sheweth That Your

Petitioners being Inhabitants of said Town—In the Year 1776 we were only Eight in Number and Taxed 12/6 In the Year 1777 being the like Number and Taxed £60, 15s 10d, also the like Number in the Year 1778 and Taxed £121, 11s, 8d—In those Years we were not a sufficient Number to Incorporate or call Town Meetings so we could not possibly have Constables Collectors &^c but at this present Time are Eighteen in Number and Taxed £379, 10s 0d for the Payment of which all our Live and Trading Stock will not be sufficient to satisfy the same We own we have been delinquent in the Payment of the above Taxes not from any Disrespect to the State but from the Poverty which those few Inhabitants endured at that Time we are and will be always willing to Assist the States in every thing, great Part of Us having been in the Service, Ten out of the Eighteen for these Three Years past have paid Taxes for their Poll for which they can produce Certificates from other Towns and States, The Consequence will be the Poor People of this Town must of Course fall a Sacrifice with every thing they Possess and be brought to Entire Ruin if they are Obliged to Answer the above Demand Therefore we Your Honours Petitioners hopes you will take the same into your Wise and Serious Consideration and grant such Relief in the above Request as in your Wisdom may seem most meet And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray &^c

Nathan Hodges }
Thomas m^cConell } Selectmen
Solomon Parker }

We the Poor Distressed Inhabitants of said Town begs your Honours will Gratify the Selectmen in the above Request—

Evan m^c^Bean	Oliver Hand	Lemuel Hodges
Asa Fuller	Job molton	David Hodges
Jonathan moulton	Solomon Parker Ju^r^	Samuel Parker
Lemuel Fuller		

[6-195] [*Report of a Committee relative to a Soldier, 1786.*]

The Committee to whom was referd a Petition in behalf of the Town of Lyman respecting Continental Soldiers having considered the same beg leave to report as their Opinion that said Town be allow'd for Thomas Piper a Continental Soldier in Genl Washingtons Guards (furnished agreable to the requisition of the State) the sum of sixty pounds & the interest and that the Treasurer Credit the same in settling the Charge against said Town for deficiency of Soldiers—

By order of the Committee

Submitted per Nathl Peabody

[In H. of Rep., March 2, 1786, the foregoing report was accepted and adopted. Council concurred.—ED.]

[6-196] [*Relative to Soldiers furnished for the War.*]

State of New Hampshire—

Grafton ss Jany 19th 1786

To the Hon^l^ Genl Court of said State to be Conven'd at Portsmouth on the first Wednesday of February next by adjournment—

The Petition of the Town of Lyman Humbly sheweth—

That at the commencement of the Late war with Great Britain — Notwithstanding the many Imbarrisments we then laboured under, by Reason of being Expos'd to our Enemy &^c^

A number of the Inhabitants of said Town Inlisted and went into the service for short Campaigns That a number of said Inhabitants did Inlist into said service for three Years and Dureing the war—that in the year of our Lord 1781 your petitioners Received the Apportionment of this States Quota of Soldiers in said service (and Notwithstanding we conceiv'd we were Doom'd much to high) found we had abundantly more

than our proportion in service—and proceeded to make return thereof to the Secrety—conceiving that we were not cal[d] on to send the Number as affixed to us if we had already said number in the service of the war—

That notwithstanding (and to our Great surprise) we are Inform'd that there are now an Extent out against us for want of our proportion of Soldiers in said service when we in fact suppos'd that we had done as much more than our proportion, as to free us at least from paying any Tax during the war,—

That in addition to our many Distresses—in the Year 1776 Every family and person in Town Had to moove out of the Town and keept Garrison untill they found they might as well be Kill[d] by the Enemy as Die by famine, then mooved to Town again where they have ever since continued—and endeavoured by every possable means in Honesty to acquire a living—

That if your Honours see fit to grant us some Relief according as the Nature of our case Requires it will prevent our leaving Town—as all the personal property in said Town is Not sufficient to pay the Demand that the State has against us—

Lyman Jan[y] 19th 1786

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town

Voted that Captain Nathan Hodges—be appointed an agent to repair to the General Court at their next Session and the foregoing petition is voted to be laid before said Court and request the agen[y] of our Representative touching said petition—and Doubt not but Every attention will be paid thereto that the Nature of our case Requires,—and your Petitioners will Ever pray &[c]

Sam[l] Parker	Solomon Parker	william Clough
Asa Parker	Jner	Evan m[c]Bean
Abiel Knap	Oliver Hand	Jon[a] Moulton
Sam[l] Way	Solomon Parker	Timothy Olmstead
Lem Parker	Jonathan Knap	Janson Hodges
Robert Barkley	Job Moulton	

[6-197] [*Petition of Non-Residents, 1787.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To the Hon[le] Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened at Portsmouth by Adjournment—

The Petition of John Penhallow Samuel Cutts & John Wendell Esq[rs] in behalf of themselves and Others Non Resident Prop[rs] of the Township of Lyman in the County of Grafton unto your Honours humbly shews—

That this Hon^le Court at their Sessions in Feby last were pleased to remitt to the Inhabitants of said Township all their Taxes for a certain Number of Years by aspecial Resolve for that purpose—Which Resolve the said Selectmen considered as a total Exemption of their real & personal property towards said Taxes in Consideration of Services done by ye said Inhabitants of which they made no Charge to Government and as they knew not how to make their proportionable Abatement they have laid the whole Taxes on the Non resident Lands wch is considered by them unjust and illegal—

They therefore pray that this Hon^le Court would appoint a Committee to determine what is the said Inhabitants Proportion, That the said Non residents may discharge theirs, of said Taxes, which they are ready to do—and otherways to relieve your Petitioners as to Justice and Equity belong—And as in Duty bound they will ever pray—

John Penhallow
John Wendell
Saml Cutts

Portsm^o Jany 10th 1787

[6-200] [*Petition relative to a Ferry, 1790.*]

State of New-Hampshire

Lyman Decem^r 13th 1790

To the Hon^l General Court of s^d State to be Convened at Concord on the first Wednesday of January next—

Humbly sheweth the Selectmen of Lyman aforesaid,—that we Your Petitioners & Remonstrants are informed that a Petition has been prefered to Your Honorable Body by Jacob Hurd of Bath, wherein he prayed for the exclusive previledge of keeping a Ferry over Connecticutt River at the Southwesterly Corner of s^d Lyman, which previledge Your Petitioners pray may not be granted to s^d Hurd, and as it appears to Your Petitioners that the s^d Town of Lyman have, in their Corporate Capacity, not only a Greater claim to a Grant of the s^d Previledge than the s^d Hurd, but a more equitable claim than any other person, or Corporation, we pray that the exclusive previledge of opening & forever hereafter keeping a Ferry over Connecticutt River at the place mentioned in s^d Hurds aforesaid petition, & also any other Ferry or Ferrys against any part of s^d Lyman as occasion may hereafter require, may be granted to the Selectmen thereof for the time being, for the use & benefit of s^d Lyman under such regulations as to Your Honors may appear most proper, and Your Petitioners will pray

Joseph Dexter } Selectmen of
Lemuel Parker } said Lyman

[6-201] [*Petition for Authority to tax Non-Residents, 1790.*]

State of New Hampshire

Lyman March —— 1790

To the Honorable Senate, and the Honorable House of Representatives of said State, to be conven'd at Concord on the first wednesday of June next—

Humbly sheweth—the Selectmen of said Lyman in behalf of said Town,—

that the Inhabitants, therein, are few in number, and in all probability are for a long time to come likely to remain so, by reason that the greatest part of the lands in Lyman aforesaid are owned by persons living out of this Town, and many of them out of this State,—

that by the exertions of Your Petitioners, the lands of the Non-resident Proprietors are continually increasing in their real value; and your petitioners have in a particular manner, made, and kept in repair, Roads, and Bridges in said Town, beyond their ability,—Therefore—

Your Petitioners pray Your Honors to pass an Act enabling the Selectmen of Lyman, for the time being, to Assess, and order to be Collected, three pence per acre, on all the Lands of the Non-residents of said Town, for the Sole purpose of making, and repairing the highways and Bridges therein, or Grant such relief in the premises as may appear reasonable, and Your Petitioners will pray

Joseph Dexter
Samuel Way
Lemuel Parker
} Selectmen of Lyman in behalf and at the request of said Town

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[6-203] [*Vote of Town relative to a Ferry, 1791.*]

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Lyman legally warned and held this 15th day of March 1791—

Voted to give to Jacob Hurd Esqr all the right title claim Interest or demand said Inhabitants have to a certain ferry in said Lyman which ferry the said Hurd and the Selectmen of said Lyman hath petitioned for and a hearing to be had on said petitions before the general Court on the third wednesday of their next session

Atst Jona Moulton town Clerk

15th March 1791

[6-204] [*Petition of Jacob Hurd for a Ferry, 1793.*]

State of New Hampshire Grafton ss—

To the Honble General Court of s^{d} State to be conven'd at Concord in s^{d} State on the first Wednesday of June next—

Humbly Sheweth—Jacob Hurd that he owns the Land Adjoining Connecticut River in the Township of Lyman in s^{d} County where Elij^{h} Hall now lives opposite to Jacob Halls in the Township of Barnet in the state of Vermont at wch place a public Ferry is very much wanted to accomedate the public, That the s^{d} Hurd petitioned the Genl Court of s^{d} State of New Hampshire at their Sessions at Portsmouth the Winter of 1789 or the beginning of Jan^{ry} 1790 for a grant of a Ferry, across ye River at the place Aforem^{d} on which petition the Genl Court ordered a Day of hearing in common form that the order of s^{d} Court was complyd with by your Petitioner and a day of hearing was had upon s^{d} Petition all which was Attended with considerable Expence to him that on the Day of hearing the Selectmen of s^{d} Lyman by their Agent opposed the prayer of your Petitioner being granted upon which the Genl Court posponed the hearing to their next Sessions and in the mean Time a Town Meeting of s^{d} Lyman was warnd & held for the purpose when it was Voted & agreed the s^{d} Town relinquish to said Hurd all claim to a grant of s^{d} Ferry a Copy of which Vote was given s^{d} Hurd and he again Attended s^{d} Court agreeable to their Order—but the s^{d} Petition was at that time unfortunately lost or mislayed—therefore he prays Your Honors to take into Consideration the said premises and without any further hearing Grant Your Petitioner his Heirs and Assigns forever the priviledge of keeping a Ferry across s^{d} River extending up s^{d} River to the Northerly line of s^{d} Lyman and down s^{d} River about one Mile to the first Falls in s^{d} Lyman under such Restrictions and Limitations as to your Honors may Appear proper and your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray—

Dated at Lyman the 20th May 1793—

In behalf of

Jacob Hurd
John Hurd

[The charter for the privilege asked for was granted by an act approved June 19, 1793.—Ed.]

LYME.

This township was granted July 8, 1761, to John Thompson and others. Settlements were commenced in the spring of 1764 by William and John Sloan and Walter Fairfield. These men came from Connecticut, and named the town from Lyme in that state.

Twenty-one families were residing in the town in 1770, which, however, was not enough to comply with the conditions of the grant, which was in reality forfeited in 1769 in consequence thereof, but was extended on the 21st day of February, 1770, by the governor and council.

Documents relative to the settlement of town lines, 1780, may be found in Vol. XI, p. 723.

The name of the town is written "Lime" in the charter, and that erroneous orthography was perpetuated for some years, but has been spelled Lyme for the last fifty or more years.

[6–205][*Thomas Sumner relative to the Town Grant, 1768.*]

Province of New Hampshire

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captain General Governor & Commander in Cheif in and over his Majestys Province of New Hampshire &c in Council.

The humble Petition and Memorial of Thomas Sumner an Inhabitant and Proprietor of the Township of Lime in the Province aforesaid—Humbly Sheweth

That your Memorialist is informed that Sundry Persons is about to Petition your Excellency and Honors for a Grant of the said Township, supposing the same intirely reverted to his Majesty for the Nonperformance of the Conditions in the present Charter Stipulated—Your Memorialist begs leave to inform your Excellency & Honors, that there are now Setled, and setling Fifteen Families, that have made Considerable Cultivations on their respective shares in said Township, and many have been resident thereon Sundry Years, and have built thereon—under these Circumstances if your Excellency should grant the said Township to other proprietors without having regard to the present Setlers, it might prove ruinous to them respectively. Wherefore he humbly Prays your Excellency and Honors that such a Grant may not be made, without some Notice given to the Tenants that they may have an Opportunity of

giving your Excellency a true State of their Tenure and Condition—and your Memorialist shall ever Pray—

Portsm° September 8th 1768.

Thos Sumner

also your Memorialist begs leave to inform your Excellency that there is a Small Island of the Contents of about Thirty Acres, nearly opposite the South West corner of said Lime, which if improved and Cultivated might be of beneficial Convenience to the Town—Wherefore your Mem° would humbly beg a Grant of the said Island, in order to improve it, in such manner as your Excell^cy may think fit to grant the same.

Thos Sumner

[In H. of Rep., August, 1768, "ordered to lay."—ED.]

[6-206] [*Condition of the Town, 1768.*]

Province of New Hamps^e

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captain General, Governor & Commander in Chief in and over his Majestys Province of New Hampshire & Vice Admiral of the Same in Council—

The Petition of Thomas Sumner of Lyme in behalf of himself and the Grantees of said Township unto your Excellency & Hon^rs most humbly shews—

That Your Petitioners have so far complied with the Conditions of the Charter of said Township as to make a Settlement of twenty one of said Rights, tho with great Discouragem^ts Expence & Hardships, being Obliged to carry & fetch their Provisions & Corn from Mills forty Miles Distant from said Township; and have now the pleasing Prospects of a fine Settlement if y^r Excellency & Honours will indulge them with a Continuance of your favours by Lengthning out the Charter of said Township for three Years from this date, in which time we do assure Y^r Excellency & Honours that this Township shall be fully Setled, for which we are ready to Obligate ourselves and all concerned—And your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray—

Thos Sumner

Portsm° Octr 25th 1768—

[6–207] [*Town Inventory, 1773, names only printed.*]

An Inventory of the Polls and Ratable Estate of the Inhabitants of the Township of Lime—

Wi^{m} Bell
Wi^{m} Bell Junr
John Bell
Andrew Bell
Elkanah Billing
John Barron
Nathan Barron
Jonathan Child
John Chamberlin of Thetford
Sam^{ll} Cary
Thos Dunham
Benjn Day Junr
James English
Walter Fairfield
Walter Fairfield Junr
John Fairfield
Benjn Grant
Benjn Grant Junr
Peter Grant
Thos Gilbert
Ebenz^{r} Green
Rubin Grant
Noah Grant
Titus Goodell
Natha^{ll} Hews
Natha^{ll} Hews Junr
Sam^{ll} Hunt
Edward Howard
Edward Howard Junr
Daniel Howard
James Hovey
Daniel Howard Junr
Isaiah Howard
Jonath^{n} Hatch
Richard Limes
Hezekiah May
Charles Nelson
Wm Nelson
Jacob Orcutt
Lemuel Peake
Isaac Preston
Thos Porter
Elijah Porter
Calvin Porter
the Wid^{o} Thede Phelps
Luther Porter
Peter Purkins
Jonath^{n} Rich
Seth Roe
Moses Stark
Wm Stark
John Stewart
John Sloan
David Sloan
Elx^{r} Shield
Joseph Scinner
John Scott
Jesse Strong
Sam^{ll} Smith

The above and Foregoing is True Invontory of the Polls and Ratable Estate of the Township of Lime Taken April the 26th 1773 By us the Subscribers

Walter Fairfield
Benjamin Grant
Wm Bell
Jonathan Child
Charles Nelson
} Select-men of Lime

the Sum Total of the Whole List of the Township of Lime is £63 : 9^{s} : 8^{d}

Lime 5th may 1773 then walter fairfield Jonathan Child & Charles Nelson personally appeared and made oath that the above Inventory was faithfully & impartially made

before me Israel Morey Justice Peace

[6–208] [*Vote of Town relative to the Convention at Lebanon, 1777.*]

at a meeting of the Inhabitents of the town of Lime Leagely worned and held at the hous of Capt Ebenr Gravs in Sd town on tusday ye fourth day of this februery 1777—

and the Seventh vote in Sd meeting was that the Comte of Safty of this town Should Join in Conjuncieon with the Comtee of Safty for the Severel towns in this County at Deecon ordways at Lebenon on thursday ye thirteenth day of this Instant februry to meet with the Courts Comte from Exeter and are Likewise Impowed to act in behalf of the above Sd town Reletive to there Letter of the tenth Day of Janery Last

Walter Fairfield Comitees Chn
John Sloan Clerk

the Names of the Comte

Decen Joseph Skiner
mr walter fairfield
mr thomas porter
John Sloan

[R. 2–235]

A copy of the intelligence Received in Cohoss

Lime 29th of June 1776 these to acquaint you that this moment I have Received intiligence that our army is Drove to Crown point the News Came by Mr Chamberline who says he saw two men that Came With General Sullivan over the Lake I hope Mr Whitelaw and company are returned if Not I fear they are intercepted pray send by the bearer any intiligence you may have otherwise, also your advice how we had best proceed

I am in haste Sr your Humble Sert

Jonath. Childs

to the Honourable Jacob Bailey Esqr

We have now no Doubt of the truth of the first report as within therefore we pray the assistance of the Lower towns by their sending the Melitia to our assistance

Jacob Bailey

James Bailey

Chairman of the Com. of Haverl and Newbury

[R. 2-236] [*Petition of Capt. Ebenezer Green, 1781.*]

State of New Hampshire.

To the Honble the Council & House of Representatives now Convened at Exeter, in the State aforesaid.

Humbly Sheweth Your Petitioner That he entered into the Continental Service in the beginning of the year 1776 in the Capacity of a Captain in Col^o^ Timothy Bedles Regiment, raised by this state & soon after joined the Continental Army in Canada—And that in the month of May in the year aforesaid he was made a Captive at a place called the Cedars and left in the hands of the Enemy as a Hostage by Genl Arnold, then chief Commander in that department,—That after about ten Months captivity, your Petitioner was permitted to return home on his parole—That in the year 1779 he was called to New York & then permitted to return still on parole till further orders.—And that now he is liable to be called for at any moment,—That your petitioner has twice made application to Congress in order to effect his exchange, but to no purpose,—That your petitioner, since his first engagement, has received no more than the nominal sum of his wages in paper Currency, and has nowhere to look for redress but to your honors.—Your Petitioner would therefore humbly pray your Honors to take his circumstances under your wise & serious Consideration & grant him such relief as other officers of his rank have been allowed to receive.

Exeter 12th Jany. 1781 Ebn^r^ Green

[He petitioned again the following November, in which he stated "That he became an Hostage by order of Genl Arnold for performance of the Capitulation Entered into by said Arnold." And again in June, 1783, in which he stated that he was "detained about six years a prisoner as hostage before exchanged."—Ed.]

[R. 2-239] [*Report of Committee on Soldiers, 1786.*]

Your Committee on the petition of Plainfield, Lebanon &C beg leave to report as their opinion, That the Town of Lime be credited for three Continental men Viz Abner Barlow Henry Tibbets & James Rosebrooks of Whitcomb's Corps, and that said Town be allowed the sum of sixty pounds for each of said men, with interest thereof on the settlement of the ac-

count the state has against said Lime for deficiency of soldiers, which is submitted

Josh^{a} Wentworth for the Committee.

[The report was accepted and adopted by the legislature.—Ed.]

[From Gen. Chase's Papers.]

Lime May 13th 1777

Sir This may Certify you that Stephen Jinnings & Ephraim Jinnings have Enlisted Into the Continental Service for the Term of three years under the Command of Capt John House Co^{ll} Starks Reg^{t} & have bin mustered & paid their State Bounty & Travil money by me

Jon^{a} Child M: Master

For Capt Abel Stephens

Lime March 22^{d} 1781.

S^{r} these may Certify That Ephraim Dunlap of Plainfield and Able Parks of hanover served as Sergent in my Comp^{y} In the one months service

Col^{o} Jonath^{n} Chase Charles Nelson Capt

[6-210] [*Petition for Charter for a Ferry, 1784.*]

Whereas the Ferry on Connecticut River opposite to the north west corner of Lime in the county of Grafton and State of New Hampshire, has not been chartered by the Government; And whereas said Ferry has been occupied by Nathan Mann of Thetford west of said River, for four years last past, who has been at very considerable expence in providing boats and keeping the ways thro' his own farm &c. to said Ferry in repair; and has during said term, given such attendance to said Ferry as to gratify and serve the Public in the best manner; And whereas 'tis our opinion that s^{d} Mann is the most suitable person to own and occupy said Ferry, his situation and circumstances being better calculated to serve the public in this respect than any other person whatsoever—We the Subscribers therefore wish said Ferry might be granted to the said Nathan Mann, his heirs, &c.—Dated October 8th AD 1784.

Will Simpson	John Nelson	Benj^{a} Morey
John Mann	Ebe^{r} Green	Edward Howard Jr
Jon^{a} Sawyer	Amasa Bugbee	Isaac Perkins

Ichobod Palmer	Peter post	Nathan Edson
Simeon Avery	Daniel Tillotson Jr	Abel Skinner
Isaac W. Stanton	Ichabod Tucker	Ephraim Skinner
Ebenezer Baldwin	James English	Joseph Skinner
John Clark	Elijah Porter	Thos porter Junr
Sam^{all} Bell	Peter Perkins Junr	Sam^{ll} phelps
Thyohry Clark	William Porter	Joel phelps
William Thomson	Israel Newton	Seth Waterman
Edward Sawyer	Thomas Porter	Abigay Brotten
Samuel Phelps jur	Calvin Porter	ISaiah Howard
Ichabod Sawyer	John Bell	Daniel Howard
Reuben Strong	John Tomson	Enoch Howard
Thomas Sawyer	Benjamin Wood-worth	uriah Howard
Jonathan Bixby		Voden tucker
Robt Simpson	Amherst Coult	Macy Morey
Nathaniel Marsh	Tylly Howe	James Morey
Samuel Cole	Daniel Fuller	Peter Perkins
Asa Tyler	Thos Paine	Abraham Perkins
Jon^{a} Darbe	Jno Sloan	Eli Carpenter
Clement Emery	Joseph Sloan	David Simpson
Simeon Darby	oliver farmer	Elias Dewey
Theodore Dame	Lebeus Washburn	John Morey
Amos Palmer	Edward Howard	Nath^{ll} Phelps
Mathew Sloan	Joseph Howard	Abr^{m} Palmer
Asa Preston	Jona Franklin	James Hobart
Lemuel Sturtevant	Zebedee Cutting	Stephen Lumbard
Joseph Skinner Ju^{r}	Benjamin Howard	Joseph Hobart

In orford thirty nine Siners
In lime fifty Siners

[6–211] [*Relative to Representation, etc.*]

At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lime Legalley Warned and Convened at the house of Ebenezer Green Esqr on Monday the 25th of Novr and Continued by adjournment to Monday the 2^{d} of Decr Inst.—

1st Voted that the phamphlet Lately published by the Commitey of the Towns of Lime hanover Leabonon and plainfield is truely Expresive of our Sentiments on Representation and the Unconstituniol Formation and proceedings of the present Assembly—

2^{d} Voted that we Canot Comply with the presept Issued to this town in Conjunction with 5 other Towns for Chusing a Representative for the Reasons following Viz—

Because the present plan of Representation is intirely Inconsistant with a free State where Every Corporate Town that is

taxt hath an undoubted Right to act for themselves in Chusing a Member for the Legislative Bodey because the Elections are limited to persons of 200 £ st. of Real Estate for there Choiese whereas Every Elector in free States is Capable of being Elected

3d Voted that the Clerk be directed to make Returns of our Reasons for our None Compleyance to the proposed Assembley that is to Sett at Exeter on the thierd wensday of Decr Next

4ly Voted that we Cannot Compley with the dierection to the Choiese of a Councelor in Manner proposed in the presept for the Reasons folowing, first Because that in Every free State the people have an undoubted Right to there Voice in the Choise of the whole Councle Either by themselves or there Representative

2d Because we Cannot See aney good proposed by Confinning the Elector to Certain Limmits within the State for there Choiese—

3d Voted that the Clerk be directed to Make Return of our Reasons for Non Compleyance to the Committee apointed for the Receiving of the Votes for a Councelor and also to Enter a protest agains the Choiese

Test Jona Child Town Clerk

[6-213] [*Petition for the Annexation of Grant's Island to the Town, 1788.*]

To The Hon :ble the Genll Court of N Hampshire to be convened at Concord on the 1st Tuesday of June next—

We would inform the Honble Court that there is an Island leying in Connecticut River between the Town of Lyme and the western Banks of said River containing about Twenty five acres of Land,—Owned by Benjamin Grant, to him Chartered by the late Govr Wentworth which Island we Request to be annexed to the Town of Lyme for the following Reasons viz. 1st Because it appears to us reasonable that it be Taxed it being prinicapally under improvement & 2nd It being owned by an Inhabitant of the Town it has ever been Taxed by the Select Men but not Colleable without dificulty—on account of its not beloning to any perticular Town therefore we pertition that the above Island (known by the Name of Grant's Island) be annexed to the Town of Lyme, or some other Town in the State as the Honll Court in their Wisdom shall See fit

Lyme May 31, 1788

Jonathan Conant } Select Men
Jona Goodell } of
Amherst Coult } Lyme

LYNDEBOROUGH.

The township was first granted by the government of Massachusetts to Capt. Samuel King and others who were in the Canada expedition in 1690. Some of the grantees being inhabitants of Salem, Mass., the township was called Salem-Canada, until it was re-granted by the Masonian proprietors, Dec. 5, 1753, to Benjamin Lynde, of Salem, Mass., and thirty others, and named Lynde Borough. (See Vol. IX, p. 536.) It was incorporated as a town April 23, 1764. Settlements were made in 1750. June 15, 1791, a portion was taken from the westerly part of the town, joined with some other tracts, and incorporated into the town of Greenfield.

The town lost another portion of territory June 11, 1796, the same being annexed to Temple.

Jan. 5, 1853, the north-easterly portion of the town was set off and annexed to Mont Vernon.

June 27, 1873, some territory was taken from the southerly side of the town and annexed to Milford.

[6–216] [*Recommendation for a Coroner, 1776.*]

At A Legual Meeting of the Inhabitants of Lyndeborough on Thursday ye 29th 1776

Then the Above S^d Town Unanimously Voted that Mr Joseph Herrick be Recommended to the General Coart of this Colliny; as A Person worthy to be Appointed to Receive the Office of a Coroner—

A Trew Coppey Attest P^r

And^w Fuller T: Clerk

Lyndeborough August ye 20th 1776

[6–217] [*Recommendation for a Magistrate, 1779.*]

at a Legal Meeting of the Town of Lyndeborough on the 26th Day of March 1778 they Voted to Recomend Capt Peter Clark to the Great and General Court of this State and pray he may be appoinded a Justice of the peace

Lyndeborough June 15th 1779

And^w Fuller
Daniel Gould
Jacob watamen
} Select Men of Lyndeborough

[6-218] [*Letter from Benjamin Lynde, 1779.*]

Salem 12 Septr 1779—

Honble Sir

Hearing you are President of the Council in your State, I take the Fredom, from our past Acquaintace & your general good Carracter; to Write you, and Petition to your Court, for taking off a Part of Lyndbor^{o} Called Beavins Corner, & annexing it with other Lands, into a new Parrish.

There are Certain Facts, that in all Justice & reason must greatly Influence in such Affairs:—about 12 or 14 years agoe, when the Inhabitants Proposed a second Meetinghouse, the first being never finish'd, a Place was agreed on near to the then Inhabitants, but as those who were at Beavins Corner Tho't it hard as they were some of the first Setlers to have it Carryed furth from them, It was at last Determin'd only to move it a litle nearer, tho in the Same Lott, to Favour the Inhabitants in that part—and Placed it puerly to oblige them—tho far from the Midle & against the minds of the Majority of the Proprietors, whose Interest lead to Place it further Northwest, as the Town by Charter was enlarged West & N West,—so that an Alteration now, would be Attended with great Detriment & an Heavy Charge—

I am Apt to think, Hon^{d} Sir, Your own Observation, I am Sure mine does, Shows That the multiplying Parishes naturaly tends to Impoverish the Clergy; breaks the Union of Society's, and when the times are so Difficult, will Disolve all but the richest Parishes—

Such are the Heavy Taxes now, That one had as good Give away poor Lands as pay the Taxes—especially with you, who allow no right of Redemption, as is practised in other States—This will Encourage all Tresspassors who for less than a Shill^{g}, can purchase an acre of Land

I ask the Favor of your Showing this to Hon^{ll} Jacob Abbot Esqr, of your Board—& if the Facts are such as in Justice must Stop the Proceeding, I Trust he will Join in it—

I am S^{r} with great Respects to Your Selfe & Mrs Weare—

Your Hon^{rs} Most Obed^{t} Servt

Benj^{a} Lynde

Addressed to Hon. Meshach Weare.

[6-219] [*Petition for a Division of the Town, 1780.*]

To the Honble The Council and House of Representatives Convened at Exeter State of New Hampshire June 1780

The prayer of your Humble Petitioners sheweth That your Petitioners living in Lyndborough and in the Easterly part of

the Town and upwards of four miles from the meeting House And badly situated on account of a Road to Said Lyndborough Meeting House It being a verry large and rough Hill or Mountain to rise which never will admit of a Comfortable road either to pass or repass to or from Said Meeting House and Cannot be avoided by us, And as we live but a few rods from Amherst line and but about Two miles from And verry good road to the place where the People in the Northwesterly part of the Town of Amherst have agreed to Set their Meeting House, And as we might be so well Acommodated by being Set off from the Town of Lyndborough and annexed with the northwesterly part of the Town of Amherst and formed into a Town—Therefore we with the Inhabitants in the Northwesterly part of Said Amherst who are owners of great part of the lands in this part of Lyndeborough Pray That you would be pleased to set off from said Lyndeborough half a mile in wedth at New Boston line from thence Continuing that half mile in wedth Adjoining to Said Amherst about four miles and an half Southerly on Said Amherst line to a Pitchpine tree marcked which is the Southwest Corner bounds mentioned in the Petition for a parrish or Town preferred by the Inhabitants in the northwesterly part of Amherst and pray that the above mentioned half mile may be annexed with the Northwest part of said Amherst and formed into a Town And your Petitioners as in duty Bound Shall ever pray—

Lyndeborough June 1780

Inhabitants of Lyndeborough

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Benjamin + Curtice
mark
Samuel Town
John Case

Inhabitants in the Northwesterly part of Amherst Owners of Land in the within mentioned part of Lyndborough

Josiah Dodge
Stephen Peabody

[6-221] *Remonstrance to foregoing Petition, 1783.*]

To the Great and General Court or assembly of the State of New Hampshire—

The Petition of the Select men and other Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Lyndeborough humbly Sheweth Whereas we Suppose there will be a petition prefer[d] to this Honorable Court by a Number of the Inhabitants of the North

west part of the Town of Lyndeborough praying that they may be Sett off from Said Lyndeborough as a Town by them Selves we your Petitioners pray their Petition may not be granted for the following Reasons (viz)

Reason first the Town being Laid out in Such a form, Should Such a piece of the Town be taken off as is Requested by the Said Northwest part of this Town it will leave the Remainder of Said town in Such a form that it Cannot be Supposed that it will long Exist as a Town—

2ly Should they be Contented to Continue in Such an Illconvenant form there is so much mountainous Land that will not admit of Settlement it will make it Very burthensom for us to Support the Gospel which we have Regularly Settled with us—

3ly as we have with Zeal and Unity born our parts in a Long and Distressing War we humbly pray the Court as the Parent of the State to protect us in Every fit way that lays in their power from Every Unnessary Division and Expence untill we have More fully Discharge our proportion of the publick Debt—

Resting in the wisdom and Integerity of the Honorable Court we Subscribe our Selves your Humble petitioners who as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray—

Lyndeborough December 12 1783

Ephraim Putnam
Jeremiah Carleton
Jonas Kidder
} Selectmen of Lyndeborough

Peter Clark	William Punchard	John Kidder
Francis Epes	Ebenezer gardner	James Boutwell
Levi Spaulding	Robert Badger	Adam Johnson
Joseph Batchelder	Jacob Wellman	Nathaniel Phelps
Nathll Batchelder	William Barron	Samuell Hutchinson
Stephen Richardson	Daniel Gould	Andw Fuller
Jonathan Whittemore	John ordway	Sam Chamberlin
	Eleazar Woodward	Jacob Cram
Aaron Whittemore	Solomon Cram	Adam Johnson Junr
Benja Punchard	John Chamberlin	Jacob Flynn
James Punchard	Samuel Hutchason	Aaron Lewis
Samuel Whittemore	Jonathan Pearson	John Rowe
Nathanel Hutchinson	Amos Pearson	Josah Dutton
	Walter Ross	William Dutten
John Clark	Reuben Batchelder	

[The following are on another petition of same date and nature:—Ed.]

Samuel Huston	Richard Butler	moses Lewis
Beniamin Dutton	Jacob Dutton	John Woodward
Ithamar Woodward	John Stiles	Andrew Creesy

[6–223] [*Another Remonstrance, 1784.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Honourable the Sennate and House of Representatives
In General Court assembled 1784

The Town of Lyndeborough humbly Sheweth Agreeable to an Order of the Honourable the Sennate and House of Representitives to us directed upon a petition of a Number of the Inhabitance of the westerly part of this Town and others praying they may be Set off as a Town by them Selves—

The Town of Lyndborough at a Legol Meeting have taken Said petition under their Consideration and beg leave to offer Some Reasons why the prayer of Said petitioners Should not be granted—

As to the Town of Lyndborough being Very Larg as is Set forth in Said petition we would Inform the Hon[l] Court that it was at first Laid out but Six miles Square Except a little Corner that New Boston took off on the North East Corner, after wards there was a large piece of the Town taken off from the South part of Said Town and Added to Wilton, by Joseph Blanchard Esq[r] who was agent for the Masonian proprietors, which was a great dammage to this Town. for the piece that was added to this Town on the north part of it, in Lieu of it, we Cannot Expect to hold to this Town when they Request to be Set off to Frances-town, it being but about a mile from Said Frances-town Meeting House—

the South East part of this Town by Reason of their distance from the Meeting House petitioned the General Court in the Year 1779 to be taken off from this Town and together with Duxbery School Farm and part of Amharst to be Incorporated a distinct Town by them Selves. but the Hono[ll] Court Viewing the plan of this Town and Considering its Circumstances Resolved that the Request of Said petitioners ought not to be granted—

As to the present petition before the Honourable Court their Request appears to us So Extravigant and unreasonable that it is a Matter of wonder to us that Men So Zealous for the publick worship as the petitioners Express them Selves, Should So fail in the Second branch of Duty (viz) Love to their Neighbour, for it appears to us that their petition Cannot be granted without the Distruction and aniolation of the Town as your Hon-

ours may See by the plan of that part of that Town that will be left, for not only the unpresidented form it will ly in, but the large quantity of Land that lays Easterly of the Meeting House that never will admit of Settlement, will have a tendancy to break up the Town, and farthermore the Southeasterly part of the Town have almost as far to travil to the Meeting House as a great part of the petitioners now have, likewise the North Easterly part of the Town in which Corner of the Town and East of the line the petitioners have drew a Crost the Town, and behind the Said Mountain, there is about thirty familyes that have to go over Said Mountain to Meeting where it is much More Steeper and Rougher than where the petitioners Cross it, likewise your Honnours will See by the Plan what a Cituation the Southwest Corner will be left in.—

Upon the whole we think needless to trouble your Honours with any thing that is lengthey in this way, the true State of the Matter will we trust appear So plain by the plans Exhibeted to your Honnours and what may be Said on the Subiect on the Day of hearing, that we humbly Refer the Matter to your wise Consideration and Paternal Care of us trusting that the Matter will be Settled agreable to Justice and Equity—

permit us farther to add that we could wish to Accommodate the owners and few Inhabitants of the Said Slip of Land agreeable to their plan and make that the Center of a fine Town bounded out as they please Could it be done without So great Expence as the Ruin of this Town, likewise we think and take it to be the minds of the Town and that they are heartily willing to allow to their Breatheren the petitioners that belong to this Town a full Equality of priviledge as to the place of Meeting by Moving the Meeting House, to the Center, or Some other way that may be thought Best. but we Cannot be Reconsiled to the thought of haveing the Town torn to pieces according to the Request of the petitioners, there fore it is the prayer of this Town that the prayer of the petitioners may not be granted, for which the Town of Lyndborough who as in Duty bound will Ever pray

Levi Spaulding
Ephraim Putnam
Peter Clark
} Signed by the Committee in behalf of the Town of Lyndeborough

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[6–224] [*Statement from the Petitioners, 1784.*]

Whereas the General Court at the Request of us the Subscribers Was pleased to Appoint a Committee of the Court to come and view the Situation and Circumstances of the Town of

Lyndeborough The Honorable Committee having prosecuted the busines of their Commisions earnistly Recommended to each party in Said Town to agree on Sum terms of Accommodation among them Selves for the Present term and as we wish always to pay a due Defferance to the Wise and a Proper regard to their Counsels we are disposed to adhear to their advice, and notwithstanding we are Consious to our Selves we have asked for nothing more then reason will dictate to be right, the Natural Rights of men Require, and the previleges which the Constitution of our State admits of, yet for the Sake of making every thing as easy as posable to the minds of our brethrin who are in opposition to us we Consent to the following proposals (viz) we the Subscribers being the Major part of the Petitioners for a Town on the westardly part of Said Town of Lyndeborough do agree and consent that provided the Inhabitants of said Lyndeborough who Dwell on the Eastwardly Side of the mountain at a Legual Town meeting will agree and pass a Vote that they Will no more oppose the Incorporation of the Westardly part of Said Town together with the Slip &c into a Town or Parrish as the Court Shall See fit agreable to their Petition and the Plan theirwith Exhibeted to the Court we will withdraw our Petition now in Court, and will meet with them as usual and will Pay our full proportion of the yearly Salary of our minister for the Term of Nine months next insuing from the Date here of, or otherwise if it Should be most agreable to our Breathren in the Eastardly Part of Said Town and to our Revd Paster for him to Com and Preach with us as many Sabaths in a year as will be our proportionable Part according to what we pay towards his yearly Sallary we will consent to remain togeather as we are for the Term of one year and Nine months or otherwise if it Shall be most agreeable to our above Said Bretheran of Said Town we will Draw our mony which we Pay towards the yearly Sallary of our Revrd Paster and we will Consent to remain togeather as we are for the Term of two years and Nine months Next to Com from the Date hereof we do not mean however that if by reason of Som adverse Providanc it Should becom Necessary to Buld another meeting House or any Extraordiary Expenc Should arise in the Town within Said Term which we trust will not be the Case, we Say we do not hereby oblidge our Selves to Such Expence

Lyndeborough December 7th 1784—

Stephen Burnam	John Savage	Asahel Stiles
Samuel Stevins	Joseph Herrick	Stephen Gould
Isaac Day	Joseph Elinwood jr	Samuel Blasdel
James Burnam	John Reynolds	George Pearson
Amos Whitemor	John Taplain	Joseph Elinwood

David Avril	John Smith	William Parker
Jon[a] Butler	Philip Fletcher	Nathaniel Batchelder
William Taylor	John Grant	Thomas Carleton
Robert Day	Samuel Punchard	Joseph Bickford
Nathaniel Burnam	Hesekiah Dunckly	Abraham Dinsmore
Joshua Stiles	Samuel Punchard jr	Ephraim Abbot

Att a Legual meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lyndeborough on the twenty Seventh Day of December A : D : 1784 the fore going Proposals was laid be fore the Town but not accepted

a True Copy Atts p[r] Ephraim Putnam T : Clerk

[6–225] [*Another Statement of the Situation, 1784.*]

State of New Hamshire

To the Hon[l] the Senate and House of Representatives In General Court Assembled—

Humbly sheweth the Petition of Us the Subscribers being partly Inhabitants of the westerly part of Lyndborough and partly proprieters and Inhabitants of Lyndeborough Strip so Called and owners of Land on the East of Peterbourough—

Whereas the Town of Lyndeborough is large in its Circumference and lyeth in such form and Situation as renders it Exceeding difficult for the Inhabitants to meet together for the purpose of Public & Social worship: and on all other Ocasions, the Distance from the abode of your petitioners to the meeting House in said Town is very great: But that is not all, the Land in that part is very mountainous and Rough—there is a hill Called Lyndeborough Mountain lying Southwardly & Northwardly Cross the Town—Several Miles in Length by reason of which the Communication of the East & West parts are rendered exceeding difficult—there not being but one place that is passable over said mountain for about four miles—and the rise and fall on each side is very long and Steep—and there is as much as fifty Seven families on the West Side of said mountain in said Town and on Said Strip, who have no way to get to Meeting only in that one place or way (excepting a few) : and we think we can Safely say the greatest part of said families are as much as five Miles from the Meeting House and a Considerable Number are more than Six and some more than Seven miles distant and many more will be as much as Seven when the unimproved Lands are Setled which we have reason to think would soon be, could that place be accommodated as Towns in General are—But the present situation of that part of

said Town is such that it discourages the Settlement thereof: and those who are already settled there are almost worn out with their difficulties in geting to meeting and Attending other public and Necessary Business,—Ever sience they been there they have always lived in hope that they should be better accommodated when they should increase to such a Number as to be Able to support a Gospel Minister they suppose they have the greatest reason to expect it Considering the situation of the Town, and they always Understood that it was the Opinion of every one that was well aquainted therewith that a Division would take place—: It is but a small part of Holy Time Your petitioners can Attend public worship, and our women and Children many of them are almost Strangers in the meeting House, we hope we can truly say not altogether for want of love to the Divine Ordinances, But are obliged to Neglect Public worship from their inability to Attend thro the Difficulties above mentioned—We do not wish to Injure the Town of Lyndebourough, it is not for any decension in principles or manners that we would seperate from them, we have hitherto lived in peace & harmoney as a Town: and we wish ever to Cultivate and Maintain such a Temper of Mind toward each other—But we cannot in our Situation enjoy these Rights and previledges which we think belong to a Christian people—and we are fully perswaded in our own minds and Consiences that Considering our Circumstances which we beleive are almost if not quite unparalled in the whole state, a Separation would be far more beneficial to us and to our posterity than the disadvantage can be to the other part of the Town—and your Petitioners are of humble Opinion, that on the Westerly Side of said mountain in said Lyndborough and said Strip of Land together with one Mile Square of the Sosiety land (or what is called the undivided Land) with the east Range of Lots in Peterborough (that is) four Miles from the North line—all which is Contained in a Plan herewith prefered to your Honors—your Petitioners are of Opinion would be sufficient for a small Town, and as the Town of Peterborough is very large we understand not less than Six Miles Square, your Petitioners think it would not be prejudicial to that Town if said east Range of Lots Should be Set off to Accommodate your Petitioners and those who may hereafter improve and dwell on said Lots—

Wherefore Your Petitioners Humbly pray Your Honors to take their Case with all the Difficulties attending it, into Your Consideration and Paternal Care, and if in your wisdom and Judgment you should find it Consistant with Justice and Equity to accommodate them by makeing them a Distinct Town, (which we are in full Confidence your Hon^{rs} will Do) Then the prayer of your petitioners is that your Honors Will Incor-

porate into a Town & Body Politic all those who Dwell within the Limets and bounds with the Lands agreably to the Plan herewith Committed—Granting to them all the Rights Previledges & Emunities Equal to Other Towns In said State—for which your petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray—

If the Representation of our Affair herein Given should not be satisfactory to the Honourable Court; we would humbly Ask the feavour that a Committe might be Appointed by the Hon[l] Court to Come and View our Situation and make Repourt thereof and we the Subscribers will pay the Charge thereof if the Hon[le] Court Sees fit we should

Lyndeborough May 1784—

Amos Whittemor	Robert Day	Hezekiah Dunckle
John Savage	Joseph Batchelder	Samuel Blasdel
Thomas Carlton	John Reynolds	William Parker
Nathael Burnam	James Burnam	Stephen goold
Jon[a] Butler	Joshua Holt Ju[r]	David Averil
William Blunt	Philip fletcher	Asahel Stiles
Willard Leind	Ephraim Abbott	Joseph Person
Joseph Ellinwood J[r]	Isaac Foster	Barachias Holt
William Taylor	Jn[o] Grant	Abiel Abbot
Joshua Stiles	Edmund Bickford	Joseph Ellinwood
Samuel Stevens	Joseph Bickford	John taplein
Isaac Day	Peter Russell	Asa Dutton
John Aarchar	Simeon Fletcher	Samuel Cudworth
Joseph Herrick	Samuel Punchard	Abraham Dinsmore
Stephen Burnam	Samuel Punchard J[r]	Daniel Herrick
George Person	John Smith	Joshua Holt

[6–227] [*Report of a Committee of Conference, 1785.*]

We the Subscribers being a commette chosen by the Petitioners of the North westerly part of the Town of Lyndeborough to meet a commette Chosen by the Town of Lyndeborough to see if the too Commettes in behalf of the parties could come into any method of agreement for the preasant agreable to the advice of Hon[l] Commettee from the General Court conserning A petition witch now lies in the General Court the prayer of witch petition is that the s[d] North west part together with the strip &cc be incorporated into a town We the Comette do say in Behalf of the petitioners that we are willing to Remain together with the Town for the Term of three years from the 7 day of Next September 1785 Provided we draw four fifths of what money we pay toward our Revn[d] Ministers Sallery in money or preaching By a Vote of the

Town—Nevertheless it is to be allways understood that the Hon[l] Court Commette at this Session Report that the petitioners of the s[d] Northwesterly part &cc be set off Either as a town or parish as they shall think Best at the end of the Term we have prefixed and also that the Hon[l] Court pass a Vote that our agreement with the Easterly part of s[d] town be not altered by the town within said term, Furthermore that if by reason of sume advers providence it should be come Necessary to build another Meeting house or any Extraordinery Expence should arise in the town within said term witch we trust will not be the Case we say we do not hearby Oblige our selves to such Expence—

Lyndeborough Feb[r] 2[d] 1785

Jn[o] Savage } Commete
Joseph Herrick }

[6-230] [*Remonstrance to a Division of the Town.*]

To the Honorable the Councel & House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Court Assembled—

The petition of the Inhabitants of the town of Lyndeborough by their Committe—Humbly sheweth—

That Whereas the town has been served with a Copy of a petition of a number of the Inhabitants of this Town Requesting that they with a particular part of the town of Lyndeborough therein Mentioned May be set of & Incorporated with Duxbury School Farm Mileslip with a part of Amherst into a Town &c &c And Calling upon the town of Lyndeborough to Appear & shew Reasons If any they have why the prayer of said petition should not be Granted At their Next sessions on the second Thursday Whereupon the town being Legally Assembled Voted & Choose a Committe to Appear & Assign Reasons Accordingly—

We therefore the Committe beg leave in the Name & behalf of the Town Humbly to Represent the following Reasons why the prayer of s[d] petition should not be Granted & that part of Lyndeborough therein Mentioned set of & Annexed to Duxbury School farm &c.

That in the year 1765 When the Town was Small but few Inhabitants About 40 families in all when we Attempted to build a Meeting house & settle the Gospel among us—Frequently when Town Meetings were Called & we attempted to Agree upon a Particular Spot of Ground for the Meeting house

to Stand upon—They Voted Against Our proceedings & threw in Protests offering the Following Reasons—Viz That the place Voted is not Commodious for building a Meeting upon—And that they were not able to Support a Minister—And in 1766 after the Meeting house Spot Was fixed upon for their Accommodation they Cordially Agreed with the other Inhabitants to proceed in building a Meeting house & settling the Gospel in Town—And Accordingly the town did Unanimously proceed in 1768 to build a Meeting house on s^d^ Spot to Accommodate s^d^ petitioners in particular & to settle the Gospel in s^d^ Town which was done with Great Uninimity & which still Continues—And as s^d^ Meeting house stands at a Great distance from the Center of the Town Not More than two Miles from the East line Measuring from the Meeting house And at least five miles from the west line of s^d^ town—And the Meeting house has been handsomely & Decently finished at the no Small Cost & charge of the Town, And as the Town is settling fast in the North North west, West, & South, west part some of the Inhabitants have now the Travil of 4, 5, 6 & 7 Miles as their Roads Run to Attend Publick Worship; And If s^d^ part of Lyndeborough Sh^d^ be set of such Inhabitants from s^d^ parts of the Town will Immediately Call for a Remove of the Meeting house or to be set off by themselves into Seperate Parishes to the Destruction of the Town Whereas the Cost & Charge of Building & furnishing the Meeting house & settling the Gospel is hardly Got Over by the Inhabitants in General as they are Now Compact together—Altho there has been the Greatest harmony & Concord thro' the Whole Charge Moreover that from the North East of the Meeting house to the East line of the Town the Land is poor & not Capable of making Settlements & in all Probability will Never be Improved And as from this Circumstance It will fully Appear that the Meeting house was settled in its Present Place to Accommodate s^d^ Petitioners Your Hon^rs^ will Easily See the Unreasonableness of their being set off from the Town—

Again that in the Northwest part of the Town there is a Large Range of Mountains About two Miles from the Meeting house And a Great Number of Inhabitants Now settled on the West & North west part of the Town beyond those Mountains And in all probability the whole Tract will be settled in the Course of a few Years, when it is Likely they will be set off by Themselves—And If the Prayer of the Aforesaid Petitioners Sh^d^ be Granted & the Land therein Mentioned be set off And in Process of Time the west Part of the Town likewise It will leave a Poor Parish indeed such an One as Cannot by any means Support the Gospel & Other Necessary Charges

We therefore Submit these Considerations to Your Hon^rs^

Wisdom to Do therein as to Justice Shall Appertain And as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray

Levi Spaulding }
Benjamin Cram } Committe
David Badger }

[The project did not succeed.—ED.]

[6-220] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

To the General Court of the State of New Hampshire—

The Number of Polls from twenty one Years Old and upward paying Taxes in the Town of Lyndeborough is one Hundred and Sixty Six—

Lyndeborough December 12 1783

Ephraim Putnam } Select men
Jeremiah Carleton } of
Jonas Kidder } Lyndeborough

[R. 2-240] [*Soldier's Order, 1784.*]

To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire—

Sir please to pay to Capt Levi Spaulding what is due to Me for My Service in the Army of the United States

Lyndeborough——y 27th 1784. Benja Smith

This Certefieth that the above Order was given to Capt Levi Spaulding by Benja Smith

Ephraim Putnam } Select men
Jonas Kidder } of
Joseph Herrick } Lyndeborough

[R. 2-241] [*Soldier's Bounty.*]

The Bounty advanced by Lyndeborough to William Shaw a private 1st Regiment is seven pounds six shillings & six pence, which has been deducted from his depreciation

Exd per Josiah Gilman Jur

[*Lyndeborough Men in First N. H. Regiment.*]

[Nathaniel Batchelder entered March 20, 1777; discharged March, 1780.

Samuel Barrons entered May 1, 1778; discharged May 20, 1780.

Reuben Dunnel entered March, 1777; discharged March, 1780.

Israel Hale entered Feb. 26, 1781; discharged October, 1781.

John McIntire entered March 8, 1777; discharged March 20, 1780.

Moses Ordway entered March 8, 1780; discharged December, 1781.

John Putnam entered February, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

John Rowe entered April 15, 1777; discharged ———, 1780.

Benjamin Smith entered March 14, 1777; discharged December, 1781.

David Smith entered March 14, 1777; discharged Jan. 1, 1780.

William Shaw, entered July, 1777; discharged February, 1778.

Edward Spaulding entered February, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

Joseph Wilson entered Jan. 15, 1771; discharged December, 1781.]

[6–226] [*Relative to Military Affairs, 1785.*]

To the Honble General Court of the State of New-Hampshire

The Petition of the subscribers, Inhabitants of the Town of New-Ipswich, Peterborough Temple, Lyndeborough, Wilton, Mason, Peterboro'-Slip, Hancock & Society-land in behalf of our-selves and the Towns we belong to

Humbly sheweth

That by a vote of the General Court, passed the last sessions the Inhabitants of the Towns above mentioned were constituted the 23^d Regiment of Militia: and that the Towns of Rindge, Jaffrey, Dublin, Packersfield, Marlborough and Fitz william were constituted the 12th Regiment, retaining the Number which they had, when connected with the greater part of the Towns

first mentioned: which we conceive to be injurious, inverting the order which ought to have taken place in their numbers. And presuming that the General Court were not rightly informed, as to the circumstances of those two Regiments, beg leave to lay before your Honours some facts, in order to procure an alteration in their numbers, which we think ought to take place for the following reasons:—The nine petitioning Towns are the oldest by about twenty years, taking their age upon an average; Capt Woolson of New-Ipswich having a Commission in the 6th Reg^{t} Dated in the year 1744; before there was a single Inhabitant in any of the six Towns above named; and many years before a commission was given to any person within their limits.—By means of being united with those Towns we lost our number from 6 to 12; therefore ought not to lose from 12 to 23 by dissolving the connection.—By comparing their numbers and wealth it will appear that we pay £49–15 to the Thousand: they but £32–13*s*: that there are eleven hundred rateable polls in this Regiment; and little more than six hundred in that:—That there are four field officers in this Reg^{t} who will think them-selves degraded by renewing their Commission in the 23^{d} Reg^{t}; and only one in that (& that one a second Maj^{r}).

Thus, Gentlemen, whatever we substitute as a Criterion to determine the right of precedence; whether Age, Numbers, wealth, residence of field officers or whatever else we can concieve to operate in the minds of the Legislature, the preference is most clearly on our side. And as we would not be vainly ambitious for honour, to which we had no title; so neither would we be thought so mean as tamely to submit by which we are degraded below our Inferiors. We therefore apply to your Honours as the Guardians of our Rights, humbly praying for a reconsideration of the vote complained of; and that we may be permitted to retain the original number.

And your petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

Jany 27th 1785

Ephraim Putnam } Selectmen
Jonas Kidder } of Lyndeboro'

[6–228] [*Nehemiah Rand recommended for a Magistrate, 1786.*]

To his Excellency the President, the Honourable the Council, within and for the State of New-Hampshire—

Most Humbly Sheweth.

that We Freeholders in Lyndeborough within the Same State, devoted with the warmest Sentiments of Duty and Affection to

Your Excellency and Honours in your Exalted and distinguished Characters, inviolably Attached to our present Constitution, Convinced by the most Affecting proofs of your paternal Regard unceasing and benevolent desire to Promote the happiness of the faithful Subjects of this State however distant—Beg leave to Suggest, that in our Humble Opinion Mr Nehemiah Rand of our said Lyndeborough is A Gentleman, a man of real Worth and Merit, a very Useful Member of Society; that his Usefulness to the Public in General, and to this Town in particular would be Considerably Augmented and increased if he might have an appointment in the Commission of Peace

Therefore earnestly pray that it may be So—

And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

dated August 1786

Andw Fuller	Benja Cram	Stephen Gould
Benja Jones	John Reynolds	David Gould
william Thompson	Stephen Burnam	William Parker
John Robbe	Richard towne	David Averil
Thomas Carlton	David Stratton	Robert Badger
James Burnam	Joseph Ellinwood	Philip Fletcher
Natl Burnam	Moses Stiles	melchisedek Cofee
Samuel Stevens	Sam Chamberlin	John Kidder
John thopson	kneeland Abbot	James Boutwell
George Person	John Savage	Jno Herrick
Robert Day	Samuel Blasdel	

[6–229] [*Relative to warning Elisha Wilkins out of Town, 1788.*]

To the Honourable General Court of the State of New Hamshire assembled at portsmouth in Said State 31 Day of January 1788—

The Petition of Nehemiah Rand of Lyndeborough in the County of Hilsborough in Said State in behalf of Said Town, Humble Sheweth whereas Elisha wilkins with his wife and family Came into the Town of Lyndeborough in the year 1773 and by the Selectmen then beaing according to the Law of the then province did Issue a warrant to the Constable of Said town For that year to warn Said wilkins with his wife & familey to Depairt the town which warrant was Served by the Constable and returned to the office of the Clarke of the Sessions in Hilsborou County as the Law Directed as will more fully appeare by the affidavit to accompany this petition and whereas when the then Clark (viz Stephen Holland Esq) Left the office and another was appointed (viz Robert Fletcher Esq) upon the Re-

movel of the papers belonging to Said office the Said warrant with maney other papers was Lost and no Record of the Same to be found whereby the Town of Lyndeborough is Likely to becom Chargebal with the maintan[e] of the Said wilkins & wife and family.

therefore your petitioner in behalf of said Lyndeborough Humbly pray your Honors that the Said warrant and Service and returning may be Good & Established So that the town of Lyndeborough may have the Benifit of the Laws of this State in Such Cases made and provided or otherwise as your Honors in your wisdom Shall think meet and Fit with Regard to the primises and your petitiner as in duty bound Shall Ever pray

Nehemiah Rand

[6–215] [*Committee report relative to foregoing.*]

The Committee on the petition from the Town of Lyndborough beg Leave to report That in the latter end of May 1773 The Then select men of Lyndborough made out a warrant in the Following words viz

province of New Hampshire Hilsborough ss

(seal) To James Boutwell Constable for the Town of Lyndborough in said County Greeting

Whereas there is a person come of Late with his wife to sojourn or Dwell in This Town & last came from wilton in this County viz Elisha wilkins & wife & are not by Law Inhabitants of this Town therefore are Likely to become too chargeable to the Town unless Measures are taken to prevent the same.

pursuant therefore to the Laws of this province in That Case made & provided you are hereby required in his majestys name Instantly to warn the said Elisha wilkins and wife to depart & Leave this Town within fourteen Days from this Date hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your proceedings thereon to the Clerk of his majestys Court of Gen[l] sessions of the peace next to be holden at Amherst Given under our hands & seals the Day of May 1773

Signed by the Select men

Your Committee also find that the said warning was served by the said James Boutwell on the said wilkins and wife about the first of June 1773 and sent by him to the Clerk of the Session by Andrew Fuller Esqr with money to pay for Recording the same & the said Fuller Delivered the said warning & money to the then Clerk of the Sessions at the sessions of said

Court in July 1773 & the said warrant cannot now be found in the Clerks office

Therefore your Committee agree to report that upon any tryal respecting the setlement of the said wilkins & wife the Town of Lyndborough or any others concerned may offer in Evidence the before recited warrant which shall be deemed as good and Legal Evidence as the original would have been if the same had not been Lost and shall be considered as Dated the Last Day of May signed by the then select men and served on the first Day of June 1773

Francis Worcester for the Committee

[In H. of Rep., June 13, 1738, the foregoing report was adopted. The original report is in the hand-writing of John Sullivan.—ED.]

[6-231] [*Petition for the Setting Off of the north-west part of the Town, 1790.*]

State of Newhampshire Hillsborough ss

To the Honorable Generall Court of the State of New Hampshire

The Petition of the inhabitants of the Society Land So Called in the state and County Aforesaid humbly Shews—that your Petitioners Living in S^d^ Society Labour under many Disadvantages and inconveniences By not Being in a Corporated Town And Cannot Enjoy Such Priviledges as to Render their Circumstance Agreeable—that it appears to your Petitioners that the Said Society will never Be incorporated into a town the Situation thereof Being So inconvenient for the Same—

Wherefore your Petitioners Humbly Prays that that North west Part of the town of Lyndborough of which the inhabitants hath for Some years past Ben Desirous of Being Better accomidated May Be Annexed to that part of the Society Land Lying South and Southerly of the Crotched mountain with Lyndeborough Slip and incorporated into a town therewith and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound will Ever Pray, &c

Societyland April ^ye^ 27th 1790

Benjamin Pollard	william Glover	John Waugh
Stephen Gould	Duglass Robison	Pyam Herrick
Alexander Parker	William M^c^Crae	Samuel Cudworth
Robert Rogers	Eben^r^ Farrington	Samuel Weeks
Samuel Farmer	Thomas Addison	Oliver Holt

William Wilson	Timothy Cudworth	John M^c^master
Robert Alexander	Jonathan Gillis	Charles Cavander
Thomas Atkison	James Ramsey	John Ramsey
John Chase	Robert Waugh	

[6-232] [*Inhabitants of Lyndeborough Gore for an Incorporation, 1790.*]

To the Honourable the Senate and house of Representatives in General Court to be Convened at Concord in New Hampshire on the first wednesday of June Next

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of a gore of Land lying between Lyndeborough and Peterborough known by the Name of Lyndeborough Gore, Humbly Shews—

That your Petitioners have been encorouged to Settle in this Mountainous part of this State in Expectation of being incorporated with some Adjacent Inhabitants into a body Politic with the same priviledges that other Towns enjoy—that your petitioners and famileys Consist of Forty one Souls—and live Seven miles or upward from Lyndborough Meeting house, and in Addition to the badness of Travel generally Attending New Settlements we have to Cross the Petit Manadinack Mountain to Attend Public worship—that we have not power to raise any money for laying out and repairing highways or Schooling our Children—that public Instruction in the great duties of life and the education of our Children we Esteem as a duty and Priviledge, and think it of great importance either in a Religious or political View, which we are by our local Situation deprived of, and must so remain or quit our habitation unless releived by the Honble General Court, that, That part of Lyndeborough that is Adjacent to us lies west of the Petit Monadinock Mountains, and that part of the Society land that lays South of the Croched Mountain and is bounded on the west by Contoocook River can never be Accommodated in any other way than by being incorporated together with us and one Range of Lots in the Town of Peterborough, and that with them we think ourselves Able to make every Necessary provision for the enjoyment of Priviledges & Advantages that other Towns enjoy—

Therefore we pray that your Honours would incorporate us with the Inhabitants above mentioned into a body Politic with the same priviledges & Emmunities that are enjoyed by other Towns in this State—or Grant us Releife as you in Your wisdom shall See fit—and Your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray—

Lyndeborough Gore May 25th 1790—

Joseph Batchelder	thomas Pevey	John Holt
Joshua Holt	Nathan Lovejoy	John Dane
Peter Pevey	John Fletcher	Timothy Holt
Joseph Severnce	William Blunt	

[6–233] [*Consent of Peterborough to foregoing, 1790.*]

At a Legal Town Meeting of tne Inhabitant of Peterborough upon the 18 day of october 1790—

Voted to grant to the persons petitioning the General Court the east Range of Peterborough in Case they obtain from Lyndeborough and other places what they have petitioned for to be incorporated into a Town—

Peterborough october 18 day 1790—

A true Coppy

Attest Thomas Steele Town Clerk
of Peterboro

[6–236] [*Report of a Committee on the foregoing.*]

The Committee appointed by the General Court at their Session in June 1790, to consider of the petition of the Inhabitants of the Northwesterly part of Lyndbor° &c and to view the situation of s^d^ Inhabitants report as their Opinion

That the prayer thereof be so far granted, as that there be a Town incorporated beginning at a Beach Tree on the South East corner of Lyndbor° addition so called and so on the East & North bounds of said addition unto the Southwest corner of Francestown then Northwardly on the line between Francestown and the Society to a heap of stones on the crotched Mountains so called, then westwardly to Contocook River, then up said River till it strike Peterbor° North line then Eastwardly on said line till it come to the West side of the East range of said Town then Southwardly on said line till it strike Temple Mountain so called then Eastwardly on said Mountain till it come to the west line of Lot N° 50 in Lyndbor° near the middle of s^d^ Lot thence North by s^d^ line to the South West corner of Lot N° 63 in Lyndbor° thence on the West line of Lots N° 63, 64 & 81 to the Southwest of Lot N° 82 thence by the South & East lines of s^d^ Lot to the Southwest corner of Lot 98 then on the South & East lines of s^d^ Lot to the South West corner of Lot 102 then on the South & East line of s^d^ Lot and the East line of Lot N° 115 unto the S. W. corner of Lot N° 121 thence

on the S & E line of s^d^ Lot to the N. E. corner thereof thence on the line between the land belonging to Capt Huesten & Lieut Whittemore to the N W corner of the Lot belonging to said Hueston, thence East on s^d^ Huestons land to the bounds first mentioned—

Which is submitted

By Robert Wallace for the Court

A true copy

Attest Joseph Pearson Sec^y^

[The town opposed the separation by the line recommended in the foregoing report.—ED.]

[6–246] [*Proceedings of a Town-Meeting relative to the foregoing, 1791.*]

To the Honourable the Senate and House of Representatives in and for the State of New Hampshire—

The Memorial of the Town of Lyndborough humbly Sheweth—

Agreeable to the Order of the Honourable Senate and House of Representitives upon a petition prefered to them last June by a Number of the Inhabitance of the westerly part of this Town and Others, praying to be Set off from this Town and Incorporated into a Town by themselves—

The Town at their Meeting on the 27 Day of December Instant took the Matter into their Consideration agreeable to an Article in the warrant for Said Meeting and Voted as follows (viz)—

1^t^ that it appears Evident to us that if More of this Town Should be Set off to the Petitioners than we Voted to them at a Meeting of this Town last April it will Intirely break up the Town and that it Cannot Subsist as Such, after So large a part of it is taken off.

2^ly^ therefore Voted that the Prayer of this Town be presented to the Honourable Court at their next Sessions at Concord on the first Wednesday of January next by our Member in Said Court, praying that the prayer of the Petitioners may not be granted, farther than this Town Voted them at the aforesaid Meeting—

3^ly^ Voted that in Case the Honourable Courts Committee Should Report different from the aforesaid Vote of this Town, or Report that more of Said Town be Set off to Said Petitioners than Said Town have Voted, and if the Reasons that may

be Offered Should not be Sufficient to Convince the Honorable Court that this Town have Voted off to the Petitioners as much of Said Town as is Consistent with Reason and Justice, then Voted to pray the Honourable Court to grant us a Committee upon the Expence of the Town to take a View of that part of Said Town Called the Old Town, that the Situation of the whole Town with all the Circumstances that attend it may be taken into Consideration as the late Honourable Committee by the Order of the Honourable Court were Confined to View the Situations of the Petitioners only—

4ly Chose Peter Clark Levi Spaulding Esqr, and Lieut Jeremiah Carleton a Committee to Assign Reasons to the Honl Court why the prayer of the Petitioners Should not be Granted—

A true Copy of the Vote of the Town of Lyndborough at their Meeting aforesaid

attest pr Ephraim Putnam Town Clerk

Agreeable to the foregoing Vote the aforesaid Committee beg leave to Inform the Honourable Court of the Difficulties and perplexityes (like the present) that have attended the Town of Lyndborough in years past, as, also, the present Circumstances—and the Consequences that will follow, Should the prayer of the present Petitioners be granted—

And in the first place as to the Town being Very large as Set forth in the present petitioner, it was laid out Six Miles Square Except at the North East Corner where New Boston Corner Came in about two miles Said New Boston holding its Square Corner being the prior grant, afterwards there was a larg part of this Town taken of and added to Wilton as may be Seen by the Plan of Lyndborough) which was a great Dammage to this Town, for the Land Added on the west and North did by no Means Compensate for what was taken off by Wilton, for the Addition on the North lay So in with Francestown that they were Very Sure of having it annexed to them Sooner or later, accordingly Francestown Set their Meeting House within about one Mile of Said Addition, and in the Year 1777 Petitioned the Town of Lyndborough to have the Said Addition Set off to them, which the Town of Lyndborough then Refused to do—however the Land then not having many Inhabitants Settled upon it, and Francestown being Very Sure that when it had, they would be for Coming to them; let the Matter Rest untill last Spring.—

Likewise Duxbery School Farm with part of Amherst and the Inhabitants on the South East part of this Town in the year 1777 petitioned the Town of Lyndborough and also the General

Court to be Incorporated into a Town by them Selves, but the Honourable Court Viewing the Cituation of Lyndborough Resolved that the prayer of Said petition Ought not to be granted—

the Town then had Rest from an Invasion untill the Year 1774 when Lyndborough Slip So Called and Some of the Inhabitants of the westerly part of this Town Petitioned the Town, also the General Court, to be Set off by the Same lines the present petition Sets forth, and they had a Committee from the General Court, who after viewing the Situation of the Town Reported Unanimously that the prayer of Said Petition be not granted—

thus Matters Rested untill last Spring at which time the Inhabitants that were Settled on the four Lots in the Southwest Corner of this Town petitioned to be Set off to Temple likewise the present Petitioners to be Set off by the Same lines as heretofore as may appear by their petition now before the Honourable Court—likewise the Inhabitants on the before Mentioned part of this Town lying next to Francestown, again Petitioned together with the Town of Francestown to have Said land with the Inhabitants thereon Annexed to Said Town.—

The Town being thus Harass with petitions from So many quarters at their Meeting Chose a Committee to Consider of the Matter, and Report to the Town which they did accordingly, which Report was accepted by the Town, Said Report being had may more fully appear—

The next Movement was made by those petitioners who wish to be annexed to Francestown together with the Selectmen of Said Town who again petitioned the Town of Lyndborough at their meeting held on the 30th Day of August last to be Set off to Francestown by Such bounds as Set forth in their petition now before the Honoll Court—the prayer of which Petition the Town at Said Meeting Voted to grant—

Thus by the before going Memorial the Honourable Court may See how this Town has been Harassed—and to prevent any farther Difficultyes in this way the Town has Voted off to the Several Petitioners all the Land that was added on to this Town to make up for what Wilton took from us amounting to above Six Thousand Acres and have Reduced the Town to the bigness of about five Miles and a half one way and about five Miles and one quarter the other, Excepting the South East Corner which brings the Meeting House near the Senter and Should we be permitted to Reap So much benefit from the Charter heretofore granted to this town as to only Suffer the loss of what Wilton took from us and Injoy only what they left us without any part of the additions we might possibly remain as a Small Town, but if the lines that the Town has prescribed

for them Selves and wish to hold to, are broken Over, or if the prayer of the petitioners is granted farther than the Town has Voted them, we Expect nothing but Contention Divisions and finaly the braking up and Distruction of the Town, to prevent which we humbly present the prayer of this Town to the Honourable Court (whom we Esteem as the Guardians of and Defenders of our Rites) that the prayer of the Petitioners may not be granted—

Signed Peter Clark for ye Committee

Lyndborough January 5 1791

[6–237] [*Remonstrance of sundry Inhabitants to being set off, 1791.*]

To the Honourable Senate and House of Representatives in and for the State of New Hampshier.

The petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town o Lyndeborough Humbly Sheweth.—

That whereas the Town of Lyndeborough at their meting on the 30 Day of August last past Agreable to our petition to them Voted the Following tract of Land being of the Town of Lyndeborough Should be Set off and annexed to the Town of Francestown with all such of the Inhabitants on said tract that chuse to be thus Annexed (provided the Honourable Court would Confirm it) Said tract of Land bounded as follows (viz) Begining at the South east Corner of Ithamar Woodwards Land then running Westwardly by the North Line of Lt Amas Whittemor's Land and Enoch Ordway and Noah Lawrence Land untill it comes to the East line of the East teer of Large lots so Called then Running Northwardly untill it Comes to the South Line of the Lot Moses Lewis and John Stiles is Setled upon, then running Westwardly on the Line of Said Lot untill it comes to the Southwest Corner of Said Lot then running North on the Line of Said Lot to Francestown Line, Bounded Northwardly and Eastwardly on Francestown Line to the first Mentioned Bounds. Furthermore we would observe that we have Never Signed any petition or manifested any Disire of being Set off with the Inhabitants of the west part of Lyndeborough in the way and manner Expressed in their petition but on the Conterary have ever Been averse there unto and have Constantly acted Accordingly. Therefore we Pray your Honours to take the premises into your Consideration and assign us to Francestown or Otherways Let us Remain as we are Inhabi-

tants of Lyndeborough with all the privelidges we now injoy. And your petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray

Lyndeborough January 7th 1791

Ithamar Woodward	Jotham reed	Mary Pearson
Jacob Dutton	thomas Petterson	Nathaniel Batcheldor
William Merriam	John Stiles	Rubin kimbel
Moulton Batchelder	Moses lewis	
Andrew Creesye	John McClurg	

Francestown January 13th 1791

To the Honorable Senet and House of Representitives in and for the State of Newhampshire we the Inhabitants of Said Francestown Humbly Pray your Honors to here & Grant the Prayers of the above Perticioners

Jon^a Fisk
Jabez Holmes } Selectmen of Francestown

[In H. of Rep., January 24, 1791, another committee was appointed "to view the situation of said Inhabitants," and the following is their report:—Ed.]

[6-235]

The Committee appointed by the General Court at their Sessions in Jany 1791 to consider the petition of the inhabitants of the Northwest part of Lyndborough, having viewed the Situation of all the parties concerned in said petition and fully heard them thereupon do agree to report as there opinion that a Town be incorporated with the same limits and boundaries as reported by the committee appointed in June 1790 a copy of which is inclosed & submitted by

Tim^o Farrar
James Underwood } Com^tee
Jeremiah Page

[In June following the matter was disposed of by the formation of the several tracts mentioned into the town of Greenfield. See Greenfield papers, page 61.—Ed.]

[6–244] [*Petition from Inhabitants of the south-west part to be annexed to Temple, 1795.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Honorable the Senate & the Honorable the House of Representatives in General Court Convened, at Concord the first Wednesday of December 1795.

Humbly sheweth Beniamin Killam, Joseph Killam, John Kidder Junr Theodore Barker, Ebenezer Stiles, Joseph Richardson & Samuel Killam all of Lyndeborough in the County of Hillsborough in said State of New Hampshire that your petitioners are situated on four lots of land in the southwest corner of said Lyndeborough vizt Coner's, Flucker's, Lynde's & Moffatt's lots, bounded south & west by the town of Temple—Your petitioners being situated in a very remote part of the town, six or seven miles from the meeting house, the road being naturally very bad, & but little prospect of its ever being made much better by reason of the very few inhabitants settled on it which renders it very difficult & inconvenient for them to attend on public worship in that place—and as they are situated within three or four miles of Temple meeting hous having a good road they have always attended public worship there—And it is likewise very difficult for them to school their children, as their number is too small for a class & no other Lyndeborough inhabitants living within about two miles, but the inhabitants in Temple are situated so near as to make it very convenient to class with them—These motives have urged your petitioners to request the inhabitants of Lyndeborough to set them off to the Town of Temple or otherwise allow them to pay their minister & School tax there—but this they refuse. Your petitioners therefore earnestly pray that your honours would take their unhappy situation into your wise consideration & do them that justice that nature & equity demand by annexing them to the Town of Temple & your petitioners as in Duty bound &c

Benj^a Killam
In behalf of the petitioners—

[The matter was before the town at a meeting held March 3, 1795, and was dismissed.

Further action was taken on the 15th. See following document:—ED.]

[6-249] [*Action of Town on foregoing Petition.*]

Lyndeborough March the 15—1796—

At a leagual Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town this Day held by adjournment at the Meeting house in Said Town—

(The artical in the Warrant Stand as Follows) (Viz)

12ly. to Se if the Town Will take into thier consideration the petition of Benjamin Killum and others to the Gen[l] Court praying to be annexed to the Town of Temple and allso the order of Court their on and act any thing respecting the matter as the Town Shall think fit when Mee[t],

(the Vote on the artical as follow) (Viz)

12ly. Voted to Choose a Committee to inquire into the petition of M[r] Benjamin Killum and others to the General Court and also the order of Court their on—and giv the Representative of the Town direction respecting the Mater to the General Court and Make report to the Town at their next Meeting—

the Votes Stand respecting the petition as foll[o]

(Viz) in faver of the petition 25 including five of the petitioners—
and against the petition—65—

Chose Doct[r] Daniel Russell
Cap[t] William Dutton } Commi[t]
Levi Spaulding Esq[r]

a true Copy from the Book

attest William Dutton
T. Clerk

[6-250] [*Rev. Mr. Goodridge's Statement.*]

These May certify whom it may concern, that in the year 1776; I was called upon, at that time, as a Minister of the gospel, to attend Several funerals, at the House of M[r] Joseph Hobbs living in the Southwesterly part of Lyndeboro', Adjoining on Temple And as there Was then No road from the Meeting house, directly to that part of the Town; I was Obliged to go thro' a part of Willton and Temple; and from my own dwelling at least ten miles,—finding the difficulty So great, I requested the Rev[d] M[r] Webster then Minister of Temple living

about three miles And an half from that neighborhood—to Visit the Sick & attend funerals in that part of the Town—which he chearfully engaged to do—Since which, the distance continuing the Same & the road Very, Uncomfortable I have requested the Revd Mr Miles—Now Minister of Temple to perform ministerial duties there, which he has chearfully consented to—

Sewall Goodridge Minister of the gospel
in Lyndeborough

May 30th 1796

[A plan accompanied these documents (6–251), showing the towns of Lyndeborough, Temple, and Greenfield, with the situation of the territory in question, which was annexed to Temple by an act approved June 11, 1796.—Ed.]

MADBURY.

The territory comprised in this town was formerly a portion of the ancient grant of Dover.

It was erected as a parish by its present name by an act of the legislature passed May 31, 1755, by which it was empowered to raise money for the separate support of the ministry, schools, and paupers, but remained as before with respect to province taxes, highways, etc., until May 20, 1768, at which time it was invested with full town privileges by act of the legislature.

The petition for a parish may be found in Vol. XI, page 524.

It appears that the place was called Madbury some time prior to its incorporation as a parish, and that an unsuccessful attempt was made in 1743 to procure an incorporation as a parish of the territory now in this town, including a portion of the town of Durham.

[7–9] [*Petition for the Appointment of a Magistrate.*]

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captain General Govener and Comander in Chief in and Over his Majestys Province of New Hampshire in New England and Vice admirel of the same—

The Petition of sundry of the Inhabients of the Perish of Madbury in s^d province Humbly sheweth that the said Perish of Madbury hath not been favor^d by your Excellency Sence your taking the chair of Goverment with any person Commissionated to be a Justice of the Peace Residing in s^d Perish

Your Petitioners and Others of the Inhabitants of the said Perish find many Inconveniences and Difficultys for Want of some suitable person so Commissionated as they are Obliged to Travel unto Other towns to acknowledge Deeds make Oath to Accounts make Complaints against Criminal Offenders & to have Perish Officers sworn with many Other things

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Excellency would be pleased to Appoint and Commissionate Solomon Emerson Esqr of said Perish in that Trust a person who we apperhend has heretofore Executed that Office with fidelity and Greatly to the Satisfaction of the said Perish and would we believe in that Office Conduce very much to the peace Quiet and Good order of said Perish and town adjacent and your petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

Joseph Hicks	Richard Jones	Sam^ll Davis Junr
Joseph Hicks Junr	John Huckers	Joseph Rines
Ebenezer Tasker	Thomas Wille	Timothy Mores
James Davis	John Huckens Junr	Thomas Bunker
Job Demeret Junr	Dennet Waymouth	John Tasker
Remembrance Clark	Sam^ll Chesley	Joseph Libby
James Davis Junr	John Roberts	John Rines Jun
Joseph Pinkham	Lyonel Worth	Timothy Mores Juner
Thomas Davis	Nath^ll Tebbets	Robert Hill
James Pinkham	James Huckens	John Roberts
Isaac Pinkham	Joseph Bunker	
Sam^ll Jones	Willm Demeret	

[R. 2-245] [*Pelatiah Daniels, Soldier, 1760.*]

[In a petition dated May 15, 1760, he stated that he was of Madbury, and served in Captain Jacob Bailey's company; was at Oswego until the "Regiment was broken up & Dismissed to come home." He further stated that he was detained to drive teams in the king's service until Dec. 23; was then dismissed, and on the way home froze his feet, and was laid up at "fort Herchymer or German flatts until the tenth of March." He asked for an allowance, which was granted to the extent of £5 sterling.—Ed.]

[R. 2-246] [*Daniel Pinkham, Soldier, 1776.*]

[In a petition dated June 5, 1776, Daniel Pinkham, of Madbury, stated "that he was a Soldier in the American Service in Capt Winborn Adams company;" came home on a furlough in August, 1775, and was taken sick of a "Nervous Fever." He was attended by Dr. Joshua Brackett of Portsmouth, and Dr. Samuel Wigglesworth of Durham, and wanted the state to pay the bills.—ED.]

[R. 2-247] [*William Twombly, Soldier, 1779.*]

[In a petition dated June 24, 1779, William Twombly, of Madbury, stated that he was in Col. Wingate's regiment in the Rhode Island expedition, and lost his horse, for which he asked the state to pay.—ED.]

[R. 2-248] [*Bounty to George Ham.*]

Exeter June 20th 1784.

There is due to the town of Madbury Twenty pounds two Shillings & four pence for a Bounty paid to Geo. Ham a Continental Soldier who engaged for said Town in the year 1777 as appears by the Books

Jos. Gilman

[Receipted for by John Wingate.—ED.]

[R. 2-249] [*James Jackson's Order.*]

Madbury Feby 12th 1785.

To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire.

Sir please to pay Saml. Gilman or order all that is due to my late Son Daniel Jackson who was a Soldier in the 2^d New Hampshire Reg^t and died at Albany Novr 1778.

James Jackson

["Solo Emerson Just of peace" certified that James Jackson was the father of said Daniel.—ED.]

[7-10] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of New Hamsphire—Strafford: ss

According to A Vote of the General Corte to us sent by the Secryr. of s^d State we the Subscribs have taken a True account of the Number of the Pols paying Taxes of the age Acording to said Vote, in the Parish of Madbury—No: Eighty Seven Poles—No: 87 poles—

Madbury Decem^b 9th 1783—

Joseph Hicks
Benjamin gerrsh } Select Men
Daniel Meserve

Strafford: ss

The above Named Select Men for the Parish of Madbury personly Apeared & Made Solom oath to the Truth of the Above written N: of Poles

Before me—Solo Emerson Just Peace

Madbury Dece^m the 10: 1783:

[7-12] [*Petition for Authority to elect a Representative, 1786.*]

To the Honble the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened at Portsmouth the 23^d of Decr 1786—

Humbly shews the Subscribers inhabitants and each one for himself paying a poll Tax in the parish of Madbury that agreably to the plan of Representation laid Down in the Constitution said parish has not a number of Legal Voters sufficient to entitle them to send A Representative to the General Court and of Course have remaind unrepresented for two years and as there is no Town or Parish near with which said Madbury can be joined for Choosing a Representative they humbly pray that (agreably to a clause in said Constitution) they may have the privilege of sending a person to Represent them in the General Court and as in Duty bound will ever pray—

Stephen Pinkham	John Edgerly	Timothy Hanson jun
Seth Jacobs	Joseph Meserve	Solomon Pitman
James Pinkham	Robert Hill	Paul Gerrish
Eben^r Tasker	Solomon Emerson	Daniel Twombly
John Smith	Moses Emerson	Samuel Davis ju^r

Joseph Pips
Solomon Evens
Reuben Twombly
John Twombly
Daniel Meserve
John Wingate
Eben^{r} Demerit
John Demerit
Samu^{l} Kielle
David Daniels
Jon^{a} Wingate
Thom^{s} Jones
Jonathan Meserve
John Young
William Twombly
Jon^{a} Demerit
Solomon Demerit
William Demerit
Solomon Demerit Junr
James Demerit
Stephen Demerit
Eli Demerit
Benjamin Hill
John Carney
Joseph D Pinkham
Thomas Spurling
Eben^{r} Hill
James Pinkham jun^{r}
Jacob Garland
Jacob Joy
Thos Airmet
Joseph Hicks
Eben^{r} Tasker jun^{r}
Moses Canney
Robert Huckins jun^{r}
Robert Demerit
Isaac Canney
Maul Hanson
Thomas Gerrish
Elijah Drew
Saml Emerson
Solomon Emerson jun^{r}
William Tasker
Thos Hill
Ezekel Drew
Robert Huckins
Jon^{a} Huckins
Clement Meserve 3^{d}
Paul Demerit
John Demerit Junr
Samuel Bodge
Samuel Edgerly
Paul Edgerly
Ezekel Twombly

[In H. of Rep., Jan. 10, 1787, the foregoing request was granted. Senate concurred.—Ed.]

Madbury March ye 3^{d} 1786

This may Cartify that the Number of Polls in the Parrsh of Madbury paying a Poll tax Each one for him Self is one Hundred agreable to the rate List for the last year

John Wingate } Select men for
Eben^{r} Demerit } Said Parrish

MANCHESTER.

The township was formed from territory taken from Londonderry, Chester, and a tract of land lying on Merrimack river belonging to the Masonian proprietors, called Harrytown, and was incorporated by the governor and council, Sept. 3, 1751, by the name of Derryfield. The first town-meeting was held at the house of John Hall, innholder, Sept. 23, 1751, at which town officers were chosen. As incorporated, the town was wholly on the east side of Merrimack river.

By an act passed by the H. of Rep., June 17, 1795, and by the senate, December 4, same year, a gore of land was annexed to the north side of the town. This was a portion of "Harrytown," and was intended to be included in the original incorporation.

In answer to a petition from the inhabitants, the name of the town was changed to Manchester, June 13, 1810. It is said that this name was suggested as a compliment to Hon. Samuel Blodgett, who constructed a canal around Amoskeag falls, and who had often asserted that the place would some day be the Manchester of America. Could he visit the city now, he would undoubtedly experience even a greater feeling of exultation than he did on that "May Day," 1807, when he passed through his canal and locks around Amoskeag falls for the first time.

An act granting the town a city charter was approved by the governor July 10, 1846, since which time its growth in manufactures, wealth, and population has been very rapid. In 1830 its population was 877; in 1880, 32,630.

By an act passed July 1, 1853, that portion of the city since known as Amoskeag was severed from Goffstown, and that portion known as Piscataquog was severed from Bedford, and severally annexed to Manchester.

The city was authorized to construct works to convey water to the city from Massabesic pond in 1871, which were completed in 1874.

Manchester at this time is one of the largest manufacturing communities in New England, and its products are used in almost every civilized portion of the world.

Gen. John Stark, a stern old patriot, whose name will be forever inseparable from those of Bunker Hill and Bennington, resided many years in the north part of the town, and died there May 8, 1822, at the age of 93.

[R. 2-250] [*Petition of Hadley and Kidder addressed to the General Assembly, 1759.*]

The Humble Petition of Benj^a^ Hadley & John Kidder of Derryfield in said Province, by their Attorney John Goffe Esqr *Shews*, That your Petitioners, Viz, Benj^a^ Hadley had a serv^t^ Viz, John Whicherweed, & John Kidder a Brother Viz, Benjamin Kidder, on whose estate the said John has administered,

who voluntarily Inlisted themselves in the service & pay of this Governm[t] under the Command of Cap[t] Richard Emary In the year 1757 In the Expedition against Canada, & were at Fort W[m] Henry where after a Seige of seven Days, said Fort surrendered, after which the Indians took their Guns from them stripped them of all the Cloaths they had Excepting what was lost at the surrender of said fort, & Carried to Canada, and at the end of four months residence there, & many Complicated sufferings they were sent to Rochell In Old France, where they died In Goal, a perticular acc[t] of their Losses Is herewith Exhibited.

Wherefore your Petitioners by their Attorney John Goffe Esq[r] Humbly prays That their Circumstances & Losses of so much Time &c to their master & surviving heirs, may be Considered & that your Excellency & Honours would in your Great Wisdom & Goodness Grant them a Quantum Meruit or such Gratuity as may In some Measure Compensate for the Misfortunes aforesaid, & they will as In Duty Bound Ever pray &c

John Goffe
In Behalf of Benj[n] Hadley & John Kidder

[Goffe presented a power of attorney from John Kidder and Benjamin Hadley on printed forms (Nos. 251 and 252), and the following bills:—Ed.]

[R. 2-253]

Things that Sargent Benjamin Kidder had & Lost at the Surrender of fort William Hennery which I fitted him out with

(Viz) one New duble brested Jacot of nub Cloth	£10- 0-0
D[o] one flowered Sarge	2- 0-0
1 pair of Leather briches	3-15-0
1 Gunworth 10 dollars	15- 0-0
2 pair of Stockens 3£ old Tenor 2 pair Shoes 15/ new tenor a pair —— —— ——	4-10-0
3 shirts viz one fine £3 2 woolin *a* 2/4	7- 8-0
one pair of Trousers	1-10-0
Hanker chife flowered	1-10-0
Total New Tenor	45-13-0

True accompt Errors Excepted per

John Goffe attor.

which I am Ready to attest to if Required

[Hadley's account is similar, and amounts to £21, 10, 0. It was sworn to before John Goffe, January, 1759.—ED.]

[R. 2-254] [*Ebenezer Newman, Soldier, 1779.*]

In Committee on Claims, May 7, 1785.—

The Bounty & Supplies advanced to Ebenezer Newman (a private in the 3d Regt) by the Town of Derryfield in 1779 appear to be Twenty pounds

Exd per Josiah Gilman Junr

[7-13] [*Letter from Col. John Goffe to Gov. Wentworth relative to Trespasses and some Sharp Practice at an Election in Derryfield, 1766.*]

Derryfield Sept. 1st, 1766.

May it please your Excellency

I went at the Request of Masons Proprietors to the Society Land between Pettersborah & Hillsborah to see where the Trespassers had ben at work & whose Lots they had Improved upon & found they had cleared, at least cut a grate deal of Timber down, had built a camp upon Solly & Marches* & on Meservey & Blanchards and your Excellencys Lots on the west side of Contucook River they have don a grate deal of work fenced it all In with a Considerable Good Runing fence have built a camp on it & altho' no body was their when we were their yet we are prity sure that Doct Perry is the man that has Trespassed upon your lot & petty it is that he should not be prosecuted as he Is the Ringleader of all the Rest, the[re], and as son as they Git to work again I have 2 men Ingaged to see them at work & acquaint me with their names.—The Land is Exceeding Good but I think your Excellencys is superior to any at that part of the Society Land and that maid them fellows Covet it it is certainly worth mony—I intended to have wated upon your Excellency when the Inferr Cort set but I hurt my self when up their with heat and laying out in the Wet so that I have not ben well sence I came from their.—Your Excellency may Remember that we In Derryfield petitioned the Genll Cort for an act to call a town meeting for the choice of town officers which when I cal'd John Hall with Colo Barr who have strived all that is in their power to Injure me of late & at the meeting Colo

*Samuel Solley and Clement March.

Barr cam on porpos to affront me & Col° Barr Hiered voters for John hall with Large promises and Webster a Trader at Chester hall Hierd I have by good Information to come to Threaten his detters in town, if they did not vote for Hall he could not stay upon them &c, so that upon the whole with their Influence hall obtained eighteen voters be side him self and there was eighteen voters on the opposite side of the most substantial men in town so that when they had don all they could that could not git hall any office without voting for himself nor none that was chosen that day & several Rec^d Deeds from Col° Barr & others that day to make them voters which I suppose held them no longer than that Night for I am confident they would not Trust them A shilling ever expecting to Git it.—And as soon as the meeting was over John Hall told Esqr Sheepard the moderator that he had Beat Goffe now & he would have a commission of the peace In spite of any body that should oppose it for Col° Bar & Maj Emerson and Mr Webster with his friends at the Bank would procure it for him—now may it please Your Excellency if such an Insulting fellow (for I have heard him Insult the whol Gover^t) many times and a man that has Live 30 or forty years upon a place & could never Raise half his provision, to Git that post would strive for to make mony by it and put the people into confusion for work he dont Incline to & is allway contriving unjust ways to maintain his Luxery & I am very sure your Excellency never will Give a commision to a man that wants it for no other end than to Revenge and Git mony by it. Therefore I Beg your Excellencys favour that John Hall nor non for him may prevail in that Respect.

I am your Excellencys most Humble
& Devoted Servant

John Goffe

His Excellency Govenor Wintworth

[If Colonel Goffe stated the truth in the foregoing, the practice of hiring voters is not so modern as many would have us believe.

The meeting mentioned in the foregoing was a special meeting called by virtue of an act of the legislature, passed July 9, 1766, which act nullified the proceedings of the regular annual meeting, at which two sets of town officers were chosen. Said act was passed in answer to a petition from sundry of the inhabitants, who stated that one party (probably the John Hall party, as he was town-clerk) opened the meeting and elected one set of officers before the usual hour, and their opponents, on their arrival, elected another set.—Ed.]

[7-14] [*Jeremiah Stevens for Confirmation of a Grant of Land, 1742.*]

To His Excel. Benning Wentworth Governour In Chef In & over His Majesty's province of New-hampshire To the Honour His Majesty's Councel—

The petition of Jeremiah Stevens of Salsbury in the County of Essex: Humbly Shewing That wheras the province of the Massachusset In the year 1735 for serveces done & more Especaly In the Eastward parts In the province of new hampshire under the Comand of Col; Wolton made a grant to your petitioner of a tract of land of about four hundred & fifty Acres att a place Called Ammaschage Since which Tim your petitioner hath Cleared Considerable of the land & Built Two Houses there on & Setled two familys But so It Is that By the Determination of His majesty In Councel upon the Boundary line Between the massachusetts & new-hampshire the sd grant lieth to the northward of the Boundary line & In the province of new hampshire Wherefore your Humble petitioner looking upon himself a suitable object of faviour & Compasion: would Therefore pray your Excel & Honor to Take his Case Into your most wise & Just Consideration & alow & Confirm unto your most Humble petitioner The afore sd grant: & your petitioner as In Duty Bound Shall Ever pray

Essex Salsbury may 12: 1742

Jeremiah Stevens

[7-15] [*Relative to the Discontinuance of a Road, 1753.*]

Province of New Hamp

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq Governor &c to the honble his Majestys Council & house of Representatives for said Province

Wheaeas at his Majestys Court of General Quarter Sessions for this Province held in September 1752 on a Representation of the necessity of a Road by the River thro' Derryfield Order issued to a Committee to lay it out who proceeded made return and after all parties in the Town having time to consider & make their Objections, was Accepted & passed on Record for an Highway since which we have this Week been inform'd that Since on the request of some Persons the Honble the General Assembly has tho't fit to take Cognizance of the Affair & by their Committee to view in order for the discontinuance of that Part of said Road against Namaskeeg falls, Now therefore We

the Subscribers Inhabitants of this Province & Residents in the Towns Adjoining to Merrimack River woud most humbly Remonstrate That that Part of said Road against Namaskeeg falls cannot be discontinued without a very great Prejudice to the Public—For that the River is become of very great Service to the Inhabitants of this part of the Government that as the new Settlements above the said Falls as well on all the Arms as the Main River are constantly increasing & are under necessity of clearing their Lands where there is great Quantities of valuable Lumber which must be lost with almost equal Charge to Consume as to turn into the River, unless they can be benefited by rafting down or otherwise using the River, that this Business at present is very great & must daily increase for a number of years to come and profitably employ a Multitude of Labourers, the Land on both Sides for more than Seventy miles to the Northward of the said Falls & on all the smaller Streams which woud contain more than a Million Acres with a very small land Carriage are yet to clear & the Timber not culled except a few small Towns & they but Lately began in which Merrymac River will be of Infinite Service, & of Absolute Necessity for the favour & Protection of the Government in facilitating their Passages down the River, The Charge of clearing the Falls in several Places but more especially at Namaskeeg woud amount to a Larger Sum Than can be Expected to be rais'd this many years—The great Losses those who venture down the falls meet with, will constrain them to carry by the falls, by Land, all such Lumber they can—That there is a very convenient Place for Landing, the Bank Sutable both at the head & foot of the said falls, a Level good Road & but about Six Score Rods—and commodious to lye very near the River—the River not being a Fence does not increase that Charge, The Land where the Road lyes, cannot be of great Value, the Owners content all but two Small Lots One belonging to the Heirs of Alexander M^c^Murphy the Other to One M^c^Neal who has lately enter'd there—That altho' a Road can be had the West side the River, & as short Travel yet the Draught much heavier but both will be wanted, the Land is mean sandy Pitch Pine Plain in general for more than two Miles back the west side, And Inhabitants Cannot live there Sufficient in the Season to hale by all the Lumber which Usually must be done by Hay the Easterly side much better accommodated & will always be—and in freshets very difficult to carry Teams a cross the River the Principal Time they are wanted—For these Considerations we humbly hope the Petition will be dismiss'd without day But if this Honble Assembly shoud otherwise determine. We humbly pray that the Inhabitants of this Part of the Government for whose Use this Road was design'd may have Opportunity to

lay their Grievance more fully before this Honble Assembly As not now having had but about twenty four hours Notice of the Affair, & none before the committee was on the Spot—And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray

July 7th 1753—

Zacheus Lovewell	Phin^{s} Underwood	Joseph ordwey
Willm Lund	John m^{c}Laughlin	Jonathan Cumings
Jonathan Snow	Joshua Follansbe	Simeon Cumings
Daniel Searles	Samuel matain	William Parker
Tomas Harwood	Simeon Coffin	Richard Rogers
William Lund Junr	Stephen Coffin	Archabald Stark Junr
Winkall wright	Nathan Kendall	Samuel Stark
John Searls	John Goffe	Hugh Sterling
John Lovewell Junr	Archibald Stark	Benjamin Hadly
Isaac powers	Nathan Kendall	Moses Wells
Jeremiah Colburn	Jun:	Ebenezer Stvens
Jonathan powers	William Stark	Thomas george
John Combs	Johua Matin	Joseph george
John Pollard	Robert Rodger	John Stark

[7-16] [*Relative to the Alewive Fishery, 1776.*]

Province of New Hampshire—Hillsborough ss

Derryfield Feb^{r} the 5th Day 1776—

This may Certifi the Members of the Gennaral Assembly in and for said province, that the Alewive fishery in Great Cohas Brook in said Derryfield would be of Great Service to the Inhabitants of Said Town, and Likwayes to the Inhabitants of the Ajasent Towns, alowing that the Incumbrance Ware Removeed which are on said Brook, therfor We Your Humble Peteceners, prays that Your Honners, would take the following Articuls by us Signed unto your Searous Concedration

1^{ly} that all Incumbrances on said Brook be with all speed Removeed in order that said fish may have a free Liberty to pass and repass at all proper Secons in said Brook from Merrimack River to Massepeepek Pond—

2^{ly} that no seen neat be put in to the Mouth of said Brook or Near to it in order to cach Aney of said fish, and that no scoop neat poot or wire be put in to said Brook, in aney part within sixty Rodes from the mouth of said Brook, under the paneltyes of paying three pounds for each fish Cached within said Bounds

3^{ly} our Disire is that the said fish may have free liberty to pass and repass in said Brook for the Insuing year without molestacion that they May increase their nomber, under the above like penelty.—

4ly that there be Men chosen and sworn to Inspact and see that the above Articuls be Ubserved, and that they may have full power of Substitution to prosecut all and Every affenders of said articuls to fineal Judgment and Execution, and your petitioners as in Dyt Bound Shall Ever pray

The Petitioners for Derryfield

David Starret
william mccClintok
Alexr Macmurphy
Saml Boyd
Samuel Moor
John Dickey
william parham
John parham
Nathaniel Boyd
George Greaham
william Gambell
Bishop Coston
william parham
Charls Emerson
John Harvey
John Hall
Daniel Hall
Abrahem merrill
Nathaniel merrill
Abraham merrill Juner
Benja Baker Juner
Joseph George
Benja Baker
Ezekiel Stevens
Samuel Stark
Jesse Baker
william Nutt
Jerediah Patee
James Peires
Moses merrill
Samuel Alls
Archable Macmurphy
John Clark

Subscribers for Londonderry

James Nesmith Jur
Robert Willson
William Wier
John Mcclenche
James Thompson
James nesmith 3d
David mcCleary
Joseph Hogg
James McCluer
Robrt McCluer
Thomas Highlands
Moses watts
Samll White
Thomas White
John Watts
James Boyes
John Petterson
Hugh Watt
James Boyes
Moses Watt
Ephraim White
Thomas McCleary
Joseph Patterson
Joshua thompson
William Lyons
Isaac Brewster
Robert m Colom
willam Betty
alxr McColom
Robert Moor
John Bell
Andr Todd
Andrew todd Juner
John Pinkerton
David Pinkerton
Mathew Miller
Samuel Miller
John mac keen
Petter Patterson
Mos Barrett
Hugh Mongomery
John moor
Samuel Barr
James mckeen
Thomas Taggart
John Anderson
Willm Duncan
Thomas Holms
Robert Moore
Sall Clark
Samll Allison
William Gregg
Robert Dickey
Samuel morison
John Red
Matthew Pinkerton
Samuel Marsh
Robt Smith
John Holmes
Willm Eayrs
Samuel Gregg
John Mckeen Jur
Robert Thompson
John Nesmith
Joseph Marsh
David Brewster
John Smith
James Gregg
John Hughes
Ephraim Dimond
James Waddell
James Eayers
James Mac Murphy
John Archibald
Robert Hodgert
Josiah Duncan
Daniel Runnels
James Doack
John Erving
Andrew Mack
George Duncan Junr

[An act was passed by the legislature, March 23, 1776, entitled "An act to promote the Increase of the Fish called Alewives in Great Cohass Brook in Derryfield," which contained the following provision:

"And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that each & every Person, owning or improving any Mill Dam on said Brook, shall from the first day of May to the fifteenth day of June in every year from & after the passing & during the continuance of this act keep a sluice open in each Dam, to the end that the said Alewives may pass & repass into & from the said Massabesec Pond, without interruption and in failure thereof every Person being owner or improver of such Dam or Dams as aforesaid, shall forfeit & pay for every offence the Sum of Ten Pounds."

The town of Derryfield was authorized to choose a committee to see that the law was obeyed.—ED.]

[1-17] [*Relative to being classed for Representative, 1780.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To the Honble the Council & Gent^n^ of the Honble House of Representatives in Genl Assembly at Portsmouth convened 13th October 1780.

The humble Petition of the several Persons whose names are hereto set, and subscribed, Inhabitants of Derrifield in the County of Hillsborough, and State aforesaid.

Sheweth That pursuant to plan of Government, the said Town of Derrifield was annexed to Goffestown, for the purpose of chusing annually a person to represent them in General Assembly which Union has turned out to be a great Grievance and highly inconvenient to Derrifield.

That Your Pet^ns^ conceive Goffestown to consist of 100 families, and therefore not needing the Aid of Derrifield, whilest the latter contains little more than 50 families, And consequently in every Choice as aforesaid must (if the Inhabitants co^d^ possibly be present) be overpowered by numbers, and outvoted And therefore not fairly represented.

But may it please Your Honors, so it is, that frequently the said Inhabitants of Derrifield cannot be present at such Choice as the same is by precept always at Goffestown & at a time of Year when many times they cannot pass the River Merrimack without peril of their Lives.

That your Pet^ns^ are sensible, that they cannot stand alone in representation, but as they are informed by their Neighbors,

Inhabitants of Litchfield, that they also conceive themselves to be under Circumstances somewhat similar to the above, with respect to Nottingham West, and that they also are about to apply to Yo^{r} Hon^{rs} for relief

Your Pet^{rs} for the Causes aforesaid, pray leave to bring in a Bill, whereby they may be declared Seperate from said Goffestown and joined in future to said Litchfield for the purpose aforesaid.

And shall ever pray &c—

Jonathan Russ, John Shelden, Samuel Moor } Select men

John Goffe	Charles Emerson	Asael Smith
John Goffe Junr	Daniel Hall	Nat^{l} Merrel
John Brown	Theophles griffin	John Griffin J^{r}
John Griffin	David Merrell	John Harvel
Benja Baker	Joseph Sanders	William Gambel
Abraham Meril	James Garman	James Peirce
John Parham	thomas Numan	Enoch Thurston
William Parham	Joshua Pierce	George Dwinell
Joseph farmer	William Parham	John Hall
Ezekeel Stevens	Ebenzeer Stevenes	

[The foregoing petition was granted. Derryfield and Litchfield were classed for representative, and Goffstown sent one by itself. See p. 33.—Ed.]

[7-18] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire—Hillsborough ss

The Return of the Number of the mail Inhabent of the town of Derryfield of twenty one years of age and upards paying Pole Taxes for them selves is sixty tow

Derry field December ye 10th 1783

Jonathan Russ, Samuel Moor, Joseph Sanders } Select men of Derryfield

State of New Hampshire Hillsborough ss

Derryfield December 15 Day 1783—

Personally appeared the above Named Select men of Derryfield and Made Solemn Oath to the above Return by them Signed

Before me— John Goffe Justicie Paces

[7-19] [*Relative to Sabbath-Breaking, 1784.*]

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives to be convened at Portsmouth upon the third wednesday of October AD 1784—

The petition of the select men of Derryfield in behalf of the Inhabitants of said town, humbly sheweth—that the breach of the sabbath is become so frequent that few hours of that day passes but repeated instances of it, is to be seen upon any of our public roads. Not only traveling upon foot and Horse but driving loaded teams, as if they pursued there secular busnes upon that day with more alacrity then any other. A practice not only unjustifiable but the day is not fare past that a single instance of it, would have been alarming to a whole County, And that it was Expressly the command of the Supreme Being that that day should be cearfuly Observed—and strictly injoined upon those who holds the rains of civil Goverment to punish the aggressor is well known to your Honors. And the act of law in this State dos not point out the duty of the several officers so accurately nor the fine so high as your petitioners wish for. But we look up to you who are our political fathers who has the undouted right to pass all Edicts for the Good of the Subject, to pass such a law as will more Effectually put a stop to those vicious practises—

Wherefore we humbly pray your Honors to pass a new act for the observing of that day and the dutey of every officer clearly pointed out and they strictly injoined to see that the law be Observed, the fine raised, and any person not in office may stop travellers on said day. And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

John Hall } Select
John Goffe } Men

[7-20] [*Proportionment of Foreign, Domestic, and State Debt among the Inhabitants, 1787. The Sums set against each name are omitted.*]

State of Newhampshire County of Hillsborough

Agreeable to a Requisition of the General Court Wee Have Proportioned the same to the Inhabitants of the Town of Derryfield which is as follows

Gene[l] John Stark	John Perham	Timothy Stevens
Samuel Stark	Bishop Coston	Jonathan Stevens
Thomas Whittiker	Cherls Emerson	Hugh Thompson

Nathan Whittiker
John Ray
Ephraim Rollf
David Sessions
John Brown
Israel Brown
Ezekiel Stevens
Benjamin Stevens
David Merrill
Nathaniel Merrill
Nathaniel Baker
Theophilus Griffin
Samuel Smith
Samuel Smith Junr
William Nutt
James Nutt
Enos Webster
Samuel moor
Ruben moor
John goffe
James Garman
Joshua Brodget
Thomas Lancy
Ceaser Griffin
Abijah Emerson
Peter Emerson
Moses Davis
Daniel Davis
John Davis
William Perham
John Colwell M^{c}-Neill
Abraham Amey
James Peirce
Moses Merril
Green Symonds
Abel Huse
Isaac Huse
John Little
James Little
John Hall
William Hall
Daniel Hall
Israel Young
Abraham Merrill
Ephraim Stevens
Ebenezer Stevens
Simeon Stevens
James Thompson
John Thompson
Joseph Farmer
David Rowel
Samuel Hilton
David Hammond
George Amey
Samuel Ayes
Archabald Gambel
William Gamble
John Dickey
Luke Withy
John Webster
Israel Webster
David Webster
Asa Heseltine
Stephen Pingree
Edward Clark young
Richard Maberry
Jonathan Heseltine
Abraham Merrill Junr
John Green
John Russ

[7-21] [*Petition for the Appointment of a Committee to settle the North Line of the Town, 1789.*]

To the Honorable the Senate and house of Representatives

The Petition of the Select Men of Derryfield Humbly Sheweth that their hath ben Great inconveniences & Dammage Risen to the Inhabitants of Derryfield by reason of their being a Dispute how far the North line of the Town Extends up the River Merrimack—

Wherefore your Petitioners prays that their may be a Committee appointed by your Hono^{r} to Determine & Establish the West & North lines of said Derryfield—

and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray—

John Ray
John green
James Thompson } Select Men

Derryfield June 11th 1789

[*Vote of the Town relative to Line.*]

Derryfield May 4 Day 1789

At a Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants Leagully Convenied—

Voted &c &c (among Other Articles) third Article

Voted to Petition the General Court to Determine the West and North Lines of the Town—

Voted Ensign James Thompson to Carry the Petition to the General Court and to have it Done—

Recorded this fifth Day of April 1789

A True Coppy from Derryfield Second Book of Records
Examined per John Goffe Town Clark

Derryfield June 11th 1789

[In H. of Rep., June 12, 1789, James Betton, Archibald McMurphy, and Zachariah Chandler were appointed "To ascertain and establish the lines on the West and North of said Town, and report," which they did as follows:—Ed.]

In the house of Representatives June 10th 1790.

The Committee appointed to ascertain and establish the west and north lines of the town of Derryfield, reported as follows (Viz) Pursuant to a vote of the General Court directing us the subscribers to notify the Selectmen of Chester, and then to proceed to establish and ascertain the lines on the west and north of the Town of Derryfield, The Selectmen of the Town of Chester were notified and attended upon the 23d day of June 1789. We begun at a place shewed to us, to be the bounds between Litchfield and Derryfield, from thence we measured up the Merrimack according to the General Course of the same eight miles, and there we placed stake and stones, from thence east-south-east about about one mile and a half to some marked trees shewed to us by General Starks, and he said it was Chester line; from thence upon the same course, we measured two miles and an half and fifty two rods, and placed a stake and stones, which is the north east corner of said Town.

Signed James Betton, Archibald McMurphy, Zachariah Chandler,

which was read and considered, and received and accepted,

Sent up for Concurrence
Thos. Bartlett Speaker.

In Senate the same day read and concurred
J. Pearson Sec'y

[7-25] [*Petition for an Incorporation to erect a Bridge over Merrimack River, 1792.*]

To the honorable the Senate and the honorable the house of Representatives of the State of Newhampshire in General Court convened

Whereas the erecting a bridge over Merrimack river below Amoskeig falls between the towns of Goffstown and Derryfield in the County of Hillsborough would be of great public utility The Subscribers humbly pray your Honors to incorporate them and such other persons as may associate with them into a society for that purpose and to grant them liberty to build a suitable bridge at that place and to demand and receive a reasonable toll or compensation of such as may pass the same and to have and enjoy such privileges and immunities as are requisite for such a society and to your Honors shall seem meet and as in duty bound will ever pray

June 11th 1792

Robert McGregore	Nathl Peabody	William Blodget
John Langdon	Richd Bartlett	James Macgregore
E Livermore	William Bell	John Smith
Nathl Adams		

[The foregoing petition was granted at that session.—Ed.]

[7-24] [*Relative to Amoskeag Bridge, 1792.*]

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened—

Humbly shew the Proprietors of Amoskeag-bridge that they have at great expence and risk erected the said bridge and have expended in so doing the sum of six thousand dollars, which is almost double the sum at first computed and expected it would cost—

That the bridge is situate a very commodious place for the public convenience—and is in fact for the goodness of the construction an honor to the State—The mony laid out by your petitioners in building said bridge has greatly benefited the Inhabitants of the vicinity—Your petitioners were induced to the undertaking of the aforesaid business in the presumption no grant would be made so near as to interfere with their emoluments granted them for building the bridge—They further shew that a grant made near them would but serve to injure both

parties and but little benefit would accrue to the public—They humbly concieve that as the undertaking has proved so expensive and is even now hazardous—it is an enterprize which intitles them to the smiles—not the frowns of the public—They are perfectly willing (lest any one should apprehend they are realizing a large property by the Grant) to give up or release to the State their estate in the bridge, upon a reimbursement of the money by them expended and a reasonable compensation for their extra trouble and expence—this they conceive must silence all objections to their motives being patriotic and for the public good—Upon all these considerations they think they have a just right to make this reasonable request—which is that Your Honors would secure to them that previlege which they before building the bridge apprehended they had viz that no other bridge should be erected so as to interfere with or injure their dear earned property—Wherefore they most humbly pray Your Honors that you would grant them liberty to bring in a bill to secure to them their heirs assigns the exclusive previlege so far that no toll bridge, shall be granted upon Merrimack river within ten miles of said bridge—nor any such bridge be erected within such limits And as in duty bound will ever pray—

Exeter Dec 19 1792

Robert M^c^Gregore	J T. Gilman	Nathl Peabody
Nathl Adams	John Peirce	Richd Bartlett
Ed S^t^Loe Livermore	J : Macgregore	

In behalf of themselves and the other Proprietors—

[7-26] [*Petition for a Grant of Land, 1794.*]

To the Honorable Senate and house of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire convened at Exeter on the forth wednesday of December AD 1793—

The petition of the subscribers citizens of said State humbly sheweth, That Your petitioners have an intention of begining a settlement in some uncultivated part of the Cuntry and On enquiry find that they could be Accommodated with lands in several of the States, or in the Neighbouring Goverment of Canada on very Moderate terms, but as they have a particular affection for their Native State and an entire satisfaction in its constitution and Goverment would Greatly prefer a settlement therein, and as the support of the State Greatly depends upon Agriculture we think that Cultivating the wilderness will ad to her welth number of Inhabitance and Respectability, and Your petitioners having been informed that there is in the northerly

part of this state a tract of unlocated Lands and conceiving that it might be advantageous to the state to dispose of said Lands to persons who would make immediat settlement thereon, and likewise that it would be to the advantage of Your petitioners to obtain a Grant of part of said Lands on reasonable terms—

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray Your Honors would Grant and confirm to them a tract of Land eight Miles Square (without lakes or ponds being included in the Measure) some place where it will be Most convenient and joining on the Grants that has been made on which Your petitioners will make a settlement as soon as may be and either Give a reasonable consideration therefore or on any Other conditions as your honors in Your Great wisdom shall think best, And Your petioners as in duty bound shall pray—

Derryfield February the 3rd 1794

John Stark	Samuel Moors	Archibald Starks
John Harvey	Nathaniel merrill	William Gamel
david Harvey	hesekiah youngh	Archibald Gamel
Jonas Harvey	Ezekiel Stevens	Israel young
John Harvey Ju	isaaC Stevens	Zebedee Rowell
Daniel Hall	BenJan Stevens	John Stinson
Samel Hall	Winthrop Bradbury	Isaac Rowell
John Hall the 3d	David Marsh	Asa Hesetine Jur
Jonathan Greely	Joseph Farmer	James Masury
Daniel Hall Jur	Juner	Peter Severance
Enos webster	William Farmer	Joseph Little
David Webster	John Stark	Abel Huse
Jonathan Palmer	Charles Stark	Isaac Huse
Theophilus Griffen	John Stark Jr	John parham
James Griffen	John Ray	John parham Juner
John griffen	Ezekiel Gardener	Robert moor
James Nutt	Job Rowell	William moor
Samuel Nutt	John Tufts	William Parham Jur
Elijah Allen Nutt	William Stevens	David Rowell
Joseph Moors	David Stevens	John Gilmore
William Walker	Jonathan Starks	Israel Webster
William Parham		

[7-27] [*Petition to have a Gore of Land incorporated with Derryfield, 1795.*]

To the Honorable senate and House of Representatives to be convened at Hanover upon the first Wednesday in June AD 1795.

The petition of the subscribers humbly sheweth that there is

a tract or Gore of Land Lying between Chester and Derryfield, upon which some of your petitioners now live, said land was formerly supposed to belong to Derryfield but the lines being assertained we find it otherways.

Wherefore—

We your petitioners belonging to the said Town of Derryfield and said Gore unitedly pray your Honours that we may be incorporated into one body politick, And your petitioners as in duty Shall ever pray

Derryfield June 1st 1795

Daniel Davis } select men of
John parham } Derryfield

Samuel Stark	John Dickey	John Hall—Junior
James Emerson	Theos Griffen	Elijah A Nutt
Abel Huse	William Nutt	Samuel Nutt
David Rowell	Ebenezer Stevens	Hezekiah young
Daniel Hall	William White	John Webster
Stephen Pingry	Nathel Baker	David Webster
Israel young	James Nutt	John Webster junior
Ezekiel Stevens	Israel Webster	Amos Webster
benjamin Heseltine	John perham jr	William Perham
Charls Emerson	Samuel Hall	

[Granted June 16, 1795.—Ed.]

[7-28] [*Samuel Blodgett for a Charter to construct a Canal around Amoskeag Falls, 1794.*]

To the honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, the Petition of Samuel Blodget most respectfully sheweth,—

That a spirit of enterprize and exertion has of late been wonderfully and successfully displayed by the citizens of a neighbouring State in the erection of bridges and forming of canals, even in places, which, not many years since, were esteemed impracticable—that a canal round Patucket falls is nearly compleated—that another leading from said falls to Boston, by a rout not exceeding twenty miles, will be commenced next spring—that a third carried round the falls at Amoskeag would, in conjunction with these, open a direct water-communication with Boston & Newburyport to the inhabitants of an extensive country on the banks of the Merrimac above said falls, the wood and timber of whose forests are now of inconsiderable value, occasioned principally by the loss of immense quantities of lumber of the most valuable kind in passing over

the falls; a melancholy proof of which they at all times exhibit —that your petitioner is fully convinced that the whole of this loss may be prevented by a canal—that under this conviction he has purchased the only piece of ground over which one is practicable—& has actually entered upon the enterprize, with an intention to risque his fortune in accomplishing a work of so much public utility—Your pétitioner, therefore, relying on the public spirit of the honorable Court, requests that your honors will take the premises into consideration, and grant him a Charter, by which he may be secured in the peaceable enjoyment of the valuable property, which he is about to invest in the proposed canal—& assign him a reasonable toll to compensate him for his services; & give him leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

And as in duty bound shall ever pray

Sam[ll] Blodget—

[Granted Jan. 2, 1794.—ED.]

[7-29] [*Petition for Legislation to protect Fish in Cohas Brook, 1797.*]

To the honorable Senate & House of Representatives for the state of Newhampshire Convened at Concord June 1797

The petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Derryfield, Humbly shoeth that where as it appears to us that the Alwives in the great Cohash brook (so Called) in said Derryfield would be of Considerable Consequence if some further regulations were had for the preservation of them Wherefore we your Petitioners pray your to pass an Act that no alwives may be Caught killed or destroyed on any day or at any time within Thirty rods of the mouth of said brook nor within five rods of any milldam or sluce way on said brook, under the same penalty as is by Law now affixed for ketching said fish on any unlawfull day—

and your petitioners as in duty bound shall Pray

Stephen Pingry	Moses merrill	Arch[d] Gammel
Asa Haseltine	John Webster	Charls Emerson
Asa Hesseltine Jun[r]	David Webster	Peter Emerson
David Heseltine	Amos Webster	Richard Hardy
Israel Webster	John Webster	William Perham
John Dickey	John Buswell	Isaac Huse
David Young	Larence Burkley	David Flint
thomas Cheney	Abel Huse	David Flint Jur
Ebenr Corning	Benj Haseltine	Daniel Davis
Philip heseltine	John Dickey Jr	

[7-30] [*Blodgett's Canal, 1798.*]

The Hon^le Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened at Concord on the third Wednesday of Novr 1798—

The petition of Sam^ll Blodget of Derryfield humbly sheweth—

That your petitioner hath expended more than Thirty Thousand Dollors in cutting a Canal erecting Dams, Locks, Mills, &c. on his own Land near Amoskeag Falls which is nearly finished and will of course in a few years be a great benifit to the public, as a property of this kind requires a particular attention both as to regulation of Toll as well as security of property and the keeping up a good understanding with whom he may have to do—

Your Petitioner humbly prays that he may with those he shall sell to be made a Corporate body politic by the name of the proprietor or proprietors of Blodgets Canal—and your Petitioner as in duty bound will pray—

Sam^ll Blodget—

[7-31] [*Petition for the Incorporation of a Company to construct a Canal from Merrimack River to Massabesic Pond, 1799.*]

To the Honorable General Court now sitting at Concord, Humbly Shews,

The Undersigned, that opening a water Communication from the westerly part of Massabesick Pond, so called, to Merrimack River, by the way of great Cohass Brook, by cutting a Canal, and making locks on certain Falls, and making the same Navigable for Boats and Rafts, would be of Public Utility, as there is a large Tract of uncultivated Land ajoining said Pond; the Timber of which might become valuable; & would also greatly facilitate the Transportation of Country Produe to the Sea Port Towns for Market. Your petitioners therefore pray, that they with such others as may become Proprietors with them, be Incorporated into a Body Politic and Corporate for the purpose of Canaling and opening said water Communication, & that they have Leave to take a certain Rate of Tolage to reimburse their Expendatures; and that the same be granted under such Regulations & Restrictions as you in your Wisdom shall think propper, and as in duty bound will ever Pray.

Dated Chester June 3^d 1799—

Joseph Blanchard	Ezekiel H: Kelly	Samuel Emery
W^m I Folsom	James Orr	Daniel Emery

John Folsom	Amos Kent	Josiah Underhill
John Melvin	John Wingate	Benjamin Adams
Alexander Sherley	John Weson	Samul Sharley
James Sherley	Paul Adams	

[Dec. 28, 1805, an act was passed authorizing the inhabitants of Derryfield, in their corporate capacity, to construct locks on Cohas brook to facilitate the passage of lumber.—ED.]

[7-33] [*Petition for Authority to raise Money by Lottery to complete the Canal, 1799.*]

The Hon. the Senate & House of Representatives, for the State of New Hampshire in General Court assembled, on the first Wednesday, of the present month, of December, A. D 1799.

The petition of Samuel Blodget of Derryfield in said State Humbly shews—that your petitioner, many years since saw that Nature had declared in favour of an inland Navigation into the Interior parts of this State, which Now abounds with Masts, Yards, Timber, Wood, and all kinds of Lumber, which is beyond Calculation, the Lands are fertile, and the Inhabitants Numerous, they abound in Cattle, and all other produce in abundance, all which are in great Demand, in our Sister States, but the Great distance, the Obstructions, and Impediments, so many, that the inhabitants, derive but Small advantages, at present from these goodly Lands, and must Continue So untill Art Embraces Nature, Your Petitioner Early saw this, that an inland Navigation would of Course take place, Your petitioner, Anxtious for the happy day Chearfully began this great undertaking, Although, in the Eve of Life, your petitioner determined, that Neither age, or the dread of Fatigue, should deter him from this pleasing & usefull Project, Accordingly on the first day of April 1793. He began this great Work, of Canaling & Locking Amoskeig-Falls, on which heretofore, much property, has been lost, they are Still A great Barrier, to immense property, at this Moment, theirfore it is of the utmost importance to the inhabitants of these states, that these Impediments be removed, in attempting this Enterprise, Your Petitioner has Spared, no pains, or property to Effect it, he has Already expended thirty five thousand Dollars in this Work,—but in the Course of unforeseen Events, Such times has taken place, that No right Calculation Could be made, & in the event

Exceeded much beyond his expectation, theirfore, to Compleat this great design, it will Require,

Nine Thousand Dollars, as appears by a Late Survey of Col. Baldwins.—when these Canals. are Compleat. the Inhabitants of these states, will of Course receive the greatest advantage by them. Your Petitioner has had Recourse to his friends in the Common-Wealth of Massachusetts for assistance. but without affect. yet Nevertheless the inhabitants of Boston & Newbury-Port. are not insensible of the great advantage that will derive. as well to the Poor as to the Rich, especially in the Article of Wood, which at present. is at high price in those Towns. theirfore all Classes have an Interest in the Canals, and they have their wishes that may they be finished—and would most Chearfully Come forward, by way of a Lottery. to finish it—Your Petitioner. has Such Assurance from many Respectable Affluent Characters. as well as those in a more humble. State. Both in Boston; Newbury-Port, &c &c as leaves him. not the least Doubtfull that if your Honors should please to grant him One, for the purposes. herein Requested. being fully assured. those Tickets in the Sale would be ye most Rapid, (and with much Defference believe them to be more So,) than any. heretofore offer'd to the publick, Theirfore Your Petitioner, Most Humbly prays that Since he has taken Such pains. as well as the great Expence, heretofore mentioned of thirty five thousand Dollars. already, and is desirous to Compleat it, and to Open A Most Valuable and extensive, well Inhabitated Country; abounding with Cattle, and produce, in Abundance, by which an inland Navigation, of Trade, & Commerce will thrive and flourish, between the Inhabitants of this, and Our Sister States; Interest, & advantage, to a Very great Amount—theirfore in Consideration of this great Expence—Your Humble Petitioner has Expended, in the premises afforesaid, Which is unfinished —he theirfore humbly Solicits your Honors Aid, to grant him A Lottery. to finish the same, in Consideration. that. when Compleated, will arise every advantage that an Inland Navigation to the States. Can Suggest. and in as much as his Friends in the Common Wealth of Massachusetts, So much Request it or Otherwise, to grant him Such aid as will Enable him to Compleat. and finish the work, as in your great Wisdom Shall Seem Meet,—and as in duty Bound will ever pray—

Sam^ll Blodget

Derryfield 7th December 1799.

[In H. of Rep., December 21, 1799, the foregoing petition was granted.—Ed.]

[7-34] [*Relative to Locks and Canals on Merrimack River, etc.*]

Within a few Years past Inland Navigation. Seems to be the Spirit of Enterprise, the great & Arduous, undertaking, to cutt the Middlesex Canal, in the state of Massachusetts, from Boston to Merrimack River, Through an Inland Country of Thirty Miles has been the work of many Years, the Compleating of this great Work, has been doubted by some, but he assured, the Most dificult part of these Works are finished, and Others in great forwardness, this Work is Executed, in a Manner, that would do Honor to One of the first European Characters in this Line. in A word, the Works are So Nearly finished, that it leavs No doubt in my Mind, of its being Compleated the Next Season, this Canal, enters Merrimack-River, a little above Petucket Falls from thence, up the Said River, 29 Miles. to Amoskiege—these Falls, are 47 feet 3 Inches 5 Tenth Fall, & are the Key of the great Country above them, the Locking of Which, has been underken by Mr Blodget, who has Expended 35000 Dollars in this Enterprise, by A late Survey of Colonel Baldwin, it will Cost 9000 Dollars more to Compleat this great Work, According to his late survey, the Next Falls above, is eight Miles from Mr Blodgets Canal, the next is, 4 Miles farther up, Called, Garvins Falls, Charters are granted for Locking them Both, & the Toll fixed, & its Supposed 4000 Dollars will Lock them, Turkey River, & Sewals, are the Only Falls, above, untill we reach Salisbury, they are Small, & it is Supposed will not Exceed, 600 Dollars to Compleat them, these being finished, Navigation, will be compleat up as far as Salisbury, 100 miles from Boston, the Other Small Falls, between the Middlesex, & Mr Blodgets Canal, will be soon Locked, & Cleared, So as to make it Navigable for Boats. in the Shoalest. Water. in the Summer-Season, from Salisbury, to Boston, when all these are Compleated, the advantage of Inland-Navigation will take place, which will be beyond discription, these advantages, will not so readily Occur, to every One at the first View, theirfore it will not be Amiss to mention, Some of them, the first is—

upon the Subject of Beef-Cattle, the great Loss that attends the Driving them from A great distance to Market, Report Says that their ware 7000 Head of beef Cattle, drove from the States of New-Hampshire, and Vermont, the present, Year, into Boston and Other Market-Towns, upon Supposition of its fact, the Charge & Expence for driving 7000 at 7/6 onely Amounts to Doll. — — — — 8,750

Supposing Each Creature. lost or Wasted, by long & Tedious driving, on an Average, 30 lb Tallow,

or in the Juices of the Beef, equivalent to it, this
at 9[d] p[r] lb amounts to— Dollars—24,500

Dol 33,250

I am told by Some, that I have rated this loss
two low, however that may be, this sum, is
great, and is A Total Loss to the publick, as
well as to the Owners of the Cattle, & Ought
to be remided.—and this Can be done, as will
more readily appear, by the following Statement;
Supposing. 7000 Cattle ware Killed and Salted
in Barrels, put up fit for Market, even as far
up as Sanborntown, 100 miles from Boston, each
Neating 400 lb and is two Barrels, this takes
14000 Barrels. to salt 7000 Cattle. these being
Manufactured, Near the place of Slaughter,
will Cost but fifty Cents each, and amounts to Doll, 7,000
& will take 14000 Bushels of Salt, at One Bushel
p[r] Barrel, the Freight, from Boston, to Sanborn-
town, is established—and does not exceed 15/ p[r]
Ton, which is 8 Cents p[r] Bushel this amounts to 1,120
The freight & Toll, on 14000 Barrels of Beef. from
Sanborntown to Boston, at 15 / p[r] Ton, ten Barrels
to A Ton, is 25 Cents Each, and is Dollars 3,500

added—$11,620

here is the first Cost of the Barrels, the expence
of the Transportation, of the Salt from Boston; to
Salt the Beef With, and the freight of the Beef,
Safely landed in Boston Market, and all amounts
to no more than —— —— —— Dollars 11,620
these Barrels, Although full of Beef, will Sell for
6/ Each Amounts to —— —— —— 14,000
the 11,620$ being deducted; leaves Neat profits on
the Manufactory of our own Doll. 2,380
and Makes A saving of 33,250 Dollars— 33,250

which would be lost by driving 7000. Cattle to Market,
Total 35, 630

by this Statement it appears, that these Cattle, Can, be Salted and Barreled, in prime Order, in the Country 100 miles from Boston, and Transported to that Market, by Water, without the least loss or waste of Beef or Tallow, Trouble, or Fatigue in driving them, but will receive a Neat profit, as above mentioned on the Casks of — — — Dollars 2,380$ in favour of the drovers;—thus far upon the Article of Beef.—it is however. Still worthy of Notice, that the Hides of these

Cattle. Ought to be Computed among the Advantages. resulting from Our Inland Navigation, 7000 hides Manufactured, in this State at 9/ is — — — — Doll. 10,500 the Loss is great to the Inhabitants, here to have So Large A Number, of Cattle drove from this State and their Hides. Manufactured, at Our Expence, because wee have to repurchas them again, after they Are Manufactured, in another advantage, readily Occurs to me, is, in the Article of Wood, the freight, Toll, &c, are Considered at 15/ per Cord, from Salisbury, into Boston, if to Newbury-Port. 7/ at this Rate, if the high price that, Wood Now is. which is 8 dollrs pr Cord at Boston & 6½ Dollars. in Newbury-Port, (wood is now 9½ Dolrs in Boston & 8 in Newbury Port) should Continue the advantage, to the Inhabitants of this State. is Incalculable, Especially if wee take into Consideration, the Articles of Timber, Masts, Plank, and all Other kinds of Lumber, (when an Inland Navigation. Runs through Such an Extensive Country,) the Lands, must Settle Rappidly, as well to increase in Value to Millions of Dollors, A Calculation was made in Boston, by Gentlemen, of Information, Viz. that if this Inland, Navigation, had been Opened, last Spring, it would have been the saving to the inhabitants of Boston, in the Article, of Wood Only,—of more than 60000 Dollars. the present year, and it is Supposed 15000 Dollars to Newbury-Port.—Query—would it not have been as advantageous to the Sellers, as to the Buyers of Wood,—Other great advantages may be Calculated from this Inland Navigation but this is left for time to Discover—Suppose A Person in Boston consumes 20 Cords of Wood, Annually, at the price of 6 Dollars pr Cord—is — — — Dollars. 120
When the Canal is Opened Wood is 5 Dollars— 100
then 20 Cord. is a Saving to the purchacer at

this Reduced price — — — Dollars 20
and as long as the reduced price of Wood, Continues, of One dollar pr Cord, pr year, So that if he advances 20 Dollars One Year, and the Canals, are opened & in Opperation, in Consequence of it, he then recovers 100 per Cent, pr Annum, for the Money be advanced, and Suppose. 20 Dollars are advanced, and he purchased A Ticket with it, in the Lottery. which is granted for the finishing of the Canal, he has a Chance of the highest, or Some Other prize—if they should be all drawn Blanks. he has Still his 100 pr Cent, pr Annum for his Money, and So long as Wood remains at the reduced price of one Dollar pr Cord,—for the Money he advanced,—Simular advantages, will be received by all Owners, & Drovers of Cattle, to the saving of the large Sum of 40,000 Dollars Annually on the Article of Beef, as has been heretofore Mentioned all Other

persons, in proportion. to their Interest and Concerns in this Inland Navigation,—the Banks of the Merrimack Anticipates, the happy days. when Trade an Commerce will flourish beyond Our Most Sanguine Expectations, Which Time Only can Develope.—

[7-38] [*Another Petition for the Protection of Fish in Cohas Brook, 1800.*]

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court Convened at Concord on the first wedensday of June AD—1800—

The petition of us the Subscribers, Inhabitants of Derryfield and the adjacent towns humbly sheweth—That

Formerly Great numbers of Alewives resorted to, and passed up, the stream known by the name of Cohass-Brook that leads from Massabeesick Pond to the river Merrimac. And for many years the Inhabitants of this and the adjacent towns drew ample supplies of these fish from the aforesaid Brook; until by means of Mill dams, erected across said stream, their passage to the aforesaid Pond was wholly obstructed. But application being made to the Honorable General Court, they with cheerfulness and alacrity caused the aforesaid Obstructions to be removed, and from time to time passed such acts as were judged best calculated to cause the returen and preservation of said fish; the salutary effects of which are now plainly perceived by the return of the fish to their wonted stream. But the water falls so rapidly for nearly thirty rods previously to its junction with the river Merrimac as to render it convenient for fishing with dip or scoop nets; and unless the Public are prohibited from fishing at the aforesaid rapids, no considerable number of fish will ever pass them. And doubts have arisen whether the fifteen rods from the mouth of said Brook and the five rods from the Mill dam, as now by Law established, will cover the said rapids—

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray Your Honors would pass an act to prohibit the fishery for forty instead of fifteen rods from the mouth of said Brook. And as in duty bound do pray—

John Stark	Philip heseltine	John Webster
John Stark Jr	Stephen Heseltine	Israel Webster
Daniel Hall	Asa Haseltine	David Webster
Abel Huse	Stephen Pingre	John Webster Ju
Isaac Huse	John parham	Amos Webster

John heseltine	Israel young	John Dickey Jur
Jonathan Haseltine	Josiah Huse	David Heseltine
Asa Haeltine Junr	Job Rowell	Timothy Dustine
Mulford Phillips	Hezekiah young	Nathaniel Merrill
David Rowell	Peter Emerson	Jacob Smith
William White	James young	James Major
Sam[l] Abbot	David Flint	Richard Hardy
Joseph young	William Perham	Stephen Chancy
Daniel Hall Jr	Jonathan young	James Arwine
Eben[r] stevens	David Dicky	Thomas hardy
thomas Cheney	Philip Heseltine Jun[r]	Jonathan Stephens
Moses merrill	Moses Heseltine	

MARLBOROUGH.

The township was granted May 20, 1752, by Joseph Blanchard, as agent for the Masonian Proprietors, to James Morrison and thirty-three others, by the name of Monadnock No. 5. Many of the proprietors and settlers came from Marlborough, Mass., and the town was unofficially called New Marlborough for some years prior to its incorporation, which occurred December 13, 1776, at which time it received its present name.

A township by the same name was granted by Gov. Benning Wentworth, April 29, 1751, to Timothy Dwight and others, which was located in the southern part of the present state of Vermont. That charter, being on record in the secretary's office in this state, misled John Farmer into applying it to the New Hampshire town; and subsequent writers, who copied from him instead of consulting the original records, have been led into the same error.

Settlements were commenced in town about 1760 by Abel Woodward, Benjamin Tucker, Daniel Goodenough, and others.

By an act approved January 8, 1794, a small tract of land was severed from Swanzey, and annexed to this town.

December 9, 1812, two ranges of lots, and a certain gore of land on the north end of the town, were combined with portions of Packersfield (Nelson) and Keene, and incorporated into the town of Roxbury.

The formation of the town of Troy, June 23, 1815, took a

portion of this town, and portions of Fitzwilliam, Swanzey, and Richmond.

June 13, 1818, Joel Porter, Phinehas Farrar, Jr., and Ezra Porter, with their estates, were severed from the town of Dublin, and annexed to Marlborough.

A small tract of land belonging to William Tenney and Luther Hemingway was severed from the north-east corner of Swanzey, and annexed to Marlborough, December 15, 1842.

Among the Revolutionary soldiers from this town was Lieut. Col. Andrew Colburn, who was killed at Stillwater in September, 1777.

[7-1] [*Petition for an Act of Incorporation, 1775.*]

Monadnock N° five Jun ye 24 1775

to the Hon^l^ members of the Congris at Exeter A Request from the inhabantans of monadnock No five Humberly shows that whare as this Town is Not in Corparated and by that meanes Never had aney Town stock of Ammonishon of pouder and ball and are not in aney proper Cappasety to Rais money for that or aney other purpos Exept the Province and County by Reason of Not having Town privealegs and as it appeares at this day to be verey much wanted for we know not how soon we shall be wanted to Defende oure Contery and Priveliges which are much Threatned daley theirfore we Humbeley apply our selves to this Congress for advise we have som money now in the hands of mr James Lucas a collecter of this Town that belonges to the Province and County that was granted for the year 1774 and is Not yet paid in and when it will be wanted or Coald for we Cant tell for we Conclude that the County will Not go on with their bulding this year as was intended theirfore we Humberly Apply our selves to this Hona^l^ Court or Congress for their advise in that Afare wheather thay Can advise or give liberty for our taking this money for that youse we obligeing our selves to Return it when ever Called for thease from your humbel Purtisones appointed by the Town as a Commity for this purpos

Jonathan Frost
Benj^a^ Tucker } Commity
Thos Riggs

[7-2] [*Another Petition for an Incorporation, 1775.*]

Province of New Hampshire Monadnock N° 5 September 28th 1775.

To the Honobl Congress of Said Province.

Whereas In the month of July last the Congress See fit to Grant us privilidges which before we was Destitute of, and for which we do express our gratitude, viz, In recommending to us to chuse Town officers such as Select men, Constables, and a Committee of Safety, all which we have don, but as it is a Doubt whether the Congress Intended we Should Injoy privilidges equil to Towns Incorporated by a Governer, or not, and as we have a desire to Settle a Minister in this town, and as we have one a preaching here whome the people universally like, We theirfore pray the Congress to Incorporate Said N° 5 by the name of Washington, and appoint a Day for our Annual Meeting.

In so Doing your Honours would much Oblidge your Humble pertitioners.

Jonathan Frost
Eliphalet Stone } Committee In behalf of Monadnock N° Five
Tho Riggs

[7-3] [*Petition for an Incorporation, 1776.*]

State of New-Hampshire

To the Honble the Council & house of Representatives Convend at Exeter Sepr 5, 1776.—

Humbly Shews Eliphalet Stone of a place Called New Marlborough in the County of Cheshire Gent. in Behalf of the freeholders & Inhabitants of said place

That your Petitioners under a title from the Purchasors of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esqr did Enter into & upon the premises & have with Great Toil & Labour formd Settlements for themselves & families.—

That the Said tract of Land is well Scituated for a Township & of the Contents of about Six Miles Square.—

That your Petitioners have Erected a Meeting house for Public Worship & had preaching.—

That they Labour under Difficulties for want of an Incorporation which Coud they Obtain Are perswaded would be for the Public Good.—

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that they may be Incorporated into a Body Politick to have Continuance & be In-

vested with all the powers Priviledges and Immunities that Other Towns in this State by Law hold & Enjoy.—

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound Will Ever pray &c.—

Eliphalet Stone

[The foregoing petition was granted, and the town incorporated by an act passed Dec. 13, 1776.]

[R. 2-257] [*Petition of Major Andrew Colburn, addressed to the Council and Assembly.*]

Humbly Shews,

Andrew Colburn of Marlborough in the County of Cheshire Esqr that in the Beginning of the last Campaign he assisted Col^o Reid in recruiting his Regiment, in which he expended considerable sums of Money Afterwards he served as a Voluntier in the American Army till the arrival of Genl Folsom, who on Account of the Irregularity of the new Army, found it absolutely necessary to have an Officer to act as Brigade Adjutant, in his Department He therefore applied to General Ward, then Commander in Chief for his Approbation & appointment of ye Petitioner as Adjutant to his Brigade, who approved & appointed him to act accordingly That he acted in said Office till Genl Washington took the Command of the Army, who issued in general Orders that every Officer should continue in his respective Department till further Orders—That he continued in said office accordingly during said Campaign—That as the Continental Congress had not appointed Brigade Adjutants for said Service, General Washington could not grant a Warrant for any Pay—

That one Mr Brewer who acted in the same Capacity in the Massachusetts Troops at Roxbury being in like Circumstances with regard to pay, represented the Case to the Genl Court of the Massachusetts Bay & was allowed Eight Pounds ten Shillings L M p^r Month—Your Petitioner therefore humbly Prays your Honours to take his Case under your wise Consideration, & to grant him such Recompence for his Services during said Campaign as in Your Wisdom shall appear adequate and Just —And as in Duty bound shall pray &c

And^w Colburn

[Andrew Colburn was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of the Third New Hampshire Regiment, under Col. Scammel, April, 1777, and was killed at the battle of Stillwater,

or Bemis's Heights, on the 19th of September in the same year. His widow, Mrs. Phebe Colburn, removed soon after to Coventry, Conn., her native place, and after seven years of widowhood, married Ephraim Root.—ED.]

[R. 2-265] [*Calvin Goodenow, Soldier, 1782.*]

Marlborough January ye 28th 1786.

These may certify That Calvin Goodenow was engaged During the war By the town of Marlborough and Joined the army in the month of aprile in the year 1782.

James Brewer Dan^ll Cutting Silas fife
Selectmen of Marlborough for the year—

David Wheeler Phins Farrar
Selectmen for the year—

[R. 2-266]

I hereby certify that Calvan Goodenough Serv'd as a Soldier in my Company in the first Newhampshire Reg^t at the close of the war and for Some time before per
Josiah Munro Capt

Hawk Feby 2^d 1786.

[7-5] [*Relative to Taxes of Elijah Williams, 1781.*]

These may Certify that Lots Numbers 37 & 58 in this Town Belonging to Elijah Williams Esqr an Absentte was Taxed in year 1781 in the Beef Rate £0.12:9:2
and in the soldier & Rum rate— 0:3:1:1
which sums we pray may Be allowed to Mr Silas Fife Constable for 1781

Marlborough Jany 28th 1786

David Wheeler } Selectmen of
Phinehas Farrar } Marlborough

[7-6] [*Certificate of Nails made, 1790.*]

State of New Hampshire Cheshire ss

We the Subscribers Select Men of the Town of Marlborough in Said County, Do hereby Certify that John Parkhurst of

Marlborough afore Said Nailer, has bonafidely made or Caused to be made at his work-Shop in S^d Marlbo^r Three Hundred Thousand Four Penny wrought Nails, Encluding Eighty Seven Thousand that was not Encluded in the other Certificate. And One Hundred Thousand of Six Penny wrought Nails Sence the 24th of December last.

Witness our hand and Seals

Danl Cutting } Select Men for
moses Tucker } Marlborough

Marlborough June ye 17th AD 1790

I the Subscriber being the Nearest Justice of the Peace in Said County to the workShop of the above S^d John Parkhurst, Do hereby Certify that the S^d John Parkhurst has in fact made, and caus'd to be made in his works the above mentioned Number of wrought Nails.

Thos Baker Justice of the Peace

[7-7] [*Against the Appointment of William Parker, 1790.*]

To His Exelency the President, and Hono^bl the Council of the State of New-Hampshire—

Your Petitioners Humbly Sheweth that We have received information from Men of undoubted viracety that Mr William Barker of this Town has lately ben recommended to Your Honors as a seutable Person to be a Justice of the Peace.—

We beg the privilidge to inform Your Exelency and Honours that We have a very diferant oppinion of the Man, and Do pray Your Exelency and Honors would be pleased not to grant him a Justic's Commition. As We in Deuty Bound Shall ever pray

Marlborough January 18th 1790.

Eliph^a Stone } Select Men
Phinehas Farrar } of
Ebenezer Temple } Marlborough

[7-8] [*Relative to Boundary between this Town and Fitzwilliam, 1795.*]

To the Honourable the General Court of the State of New Hampshire to begin and be Holden at Hanover in S^d State on the first wednesday of June next—

In behalf of the Town of Marlborough the Petition of us the Subscribers humbly sheweth that Whereas the Towns of Fitz-

william and Marlborough have ben in Dispute for a long time as to the line between S^d^ Towns, and the Town of Marlbor^o^ have requested the town of Fitzwilliam repeatedly to establish S^d^ line, and offered to leave the matter to Juditious and disintrested men to Settle the dispute on Just and equitable terms; but they wholy refuse to Comply with our request—Wherefore your Petitioners pray that your Honours would take our Case under your Wise Consideration, and appoint a Committee if you in your Wisdom think fit to vew S^d^ line or order Some other means Whereby S^d^ line may be established upon Just and equetable terms—as your Petitioners in Duty bound Shall ever pray—

Calvin Stone } Selectmen of
Jonadab Baker } Marlbor^o^

Marlborough May 30th 1795

MARLOW.

The township was granted October 7, 1761, to William Noyes and sixty-three others, at which time it received its present name. The reservation of five hundred acres for Governor Wentworth was located in the south-west corner. The conditions of this grant were not wholly complied with, and the inhabitants, on the 30th of December, 1771, petitioned for an extension of the charter, which was granted January 24, 1772. for a term of three years. In the petition they stated that twenty-eight families were resident in town, and that five more were to settle the following spring.

The grantees were residents of Connecticut, principally in the vicinity of the towns of Lyme and Colchester. Among the first settlers were Thomas and Samuel Gustin, Elisha and Solomon Mack, Jasper and Nathan Huntley, and Joseph Tubbs.

By an act passed June 21, 1797, all that portion of the town, as originally granted, lying east of the curve line of Mason's Patent, containing some four thousand acres, was declared to be under the jurisdiction and a part of the town of Stoddard.

An academy flourished here for some years, which was largely patronized by the inhabitants of the county and did a good work in the cause of education.

[7-39] [*Inventory of 1773.*]

A True Inventory of all the Poles and Ratable Estate In the Township of Marlow Taken this twenty Sixth day of April 1773 by us the Subscribers Selectmen of Said Marlow

Thirty four poles—twenty Eight oxen—forty two Cows—fifteen three years old—Eight two year old—thirteen year old—two Horses—one hundred and forty four acers of Mowing Land—Seventy Nine acers of arable Land—Sixty four acers of paster Land—

A True List attest

Nicodemes Miller } Selectmen of
Sam^{ll} Canfield } Marlow

province of New hampshire April ye 26th 1773

County of Cheshire ss parsonally appeared Nicodems Miller and Samuell Canfield Selectmen of Marlow and made Soloom oath to the above Inventory by them Taken & Signed by them as above Is Just and True as there set down taken

Before me B Bellows Justice peace

[7-40] [*Relative to the Election of Representative, 1776.*]

To the Honerabel Counsel & assembeley of the Colony of New hampshire to be Conveand & assembled at Exeter on the third wensday of Deember Instant

The Petiteion of the Inhabetitants of the Towns of marlow Alsted and Surrey Humbeley Sheweth that where as it is the advice & Deriction of the Contenantel Congrace Reletve to the asumeing Civel Goverment in this Coloney have advised and Dericted the Provenshal Congras of this Colony Preveus to their asuiming a forme of Ceviel Government that they at their Convenshon Do Grant worants for a full and free Election of Representetves in this Coloney & where as verees Cuppleing of veraes Towns toGether in the wesetern Parts of Coloney and allowing but one Representetve to a Cuppling and we being Deferantly Treted from the Mager Parts of this Coloney who are allowed a Representetive to Each Town and where as the Towns of marlow Alsted & Surrey are Towns InCorprated with all the Inverabel Priveligeses & Emunities that any other Town or Towns Do or may In Joy In this Coloney & being thus Cuppled together as aforeSaid are abriged or Curtailed of the Privelig of Each EndeviDial Town Eleccting a Representetive which we Humbely Conceve Can not be Constred to be a full & free Election or Representation of the Said Coloney agreabel to the advice of the Contenantal Congress above Re-

sited we there fore your Humbel Petiteshers would be such the Honerabel Counsel & House of Representetives that Preves to the further Preserving the Plan of Civel Goverment that there may worants be Granted for a full and free Election or Representation of Each of the Endvedial Towns above menchend Presewent to the advice of the Contenantal Congrace aforesaid thus Shall your Humbel Petisonors as In Deuty Bound Ever Pray

Dated Coloney of Newhamsher Marlow December 11th A:D 1776

Samll Gustin
Absalom Kingsbery
Woolston Brockway
Jonathan Smith
} Comett for marlow Alsted & Surrey

[7-41] [*Relative to the East Line of the Town, 1777.*]

Marlow Feby ye 20th 1777—

As there is a Report prevails in the Town of Marlow that one oliver Parker a Reputed mover of sedition in the Town of Stoddard hath got a petition Signd by a party to have some part of the East side of the Town of marlow (by the general Cort) set to Stoddard

We the Select men of marlow in the State of Newhampshire. Beg Leve to Say Some thing in the Ears of the General Cort on this matter if ye above Said petition is prefared—viz—that the incorporation of ye Town of marlow is older than ye incorporation of any Town adjoining to the said marlow—and we in ye Name of ye inhabitants of ye Town of marlow humbly Pray that the General Cort would not by any incorporation infringe on the Town of marlow without Giving Notice to the Inhabitants of the said marlow some time before hand—

If the above sd petition be for paying Taxes only—the General assembley did on the 12th Day of June 1776 pass a resolve that all those Rateable persons who live within the original east Line of marlow and their Estates thir. pay there Taxes to marlow untill the Title to the Lands Disputable between the said Towns of marlow and Stoddard be Decided by Law or by agreement between the said two Towns

the Cause being So plain we shall not Trouble the Cort any Longer—Resting assured they will not act Contrary to this petition without first Notifying the Town of marlow and giving us a Day to Defend our Selves

Dated at marlow this 4th of march AD 1777—

pr us

Nicodemus Miller
Abisha Tubs
} Select men of marlow

[7-42] [*Relative to the Settlement of the East Line of the Town, 1778.*]

State of Newhamshere Chesher County Marlow Feberay 3rd 1778

as there is Still Remaining a Deficalty about the Colecting of Taxes in our town on aCount of the Clames of woshenton and Stoder by their Coperations—Laping on our Town and the Charter and Corperation there of and as the Easter most Line of Said marlow is Desputed by Said Washenton & Stoderd and that it may be Setteled with out Deficalty in a Legal Methard

we the Subcribers Select men of Said Marlow Do Bring our Requst and Potition to the Honorabel Counsel and assembely of this State that they would Derict to Sum method whereby those unhapey Deficaltys may be Removed and if your Honours Should Think it Proper: we Should be Glad that Sum Soveyor & Chainmen that are Dis Entrested and Inhabtents of this County be apointed to Run the Loyns of Said marlow aCording to the Charter of Said Town and Esabilish the Lines and Bounds of Said Town that Such Desputes may be Removed for which we your Potishenors as In Deuty Bound would Humbely Pray

Eber Lewis } Selectmen
William Nud } of marlow

N: B as marlow is the oldest Charter of any Town that Joins on it we think it very improper that other Towns Should InCroach on our Rights & Priveliges &C

the within riten petetion is Excepted and by the town Voted to be Sent to the Honourable Counsil and Asemby

Jonath Royce town Clark

[7-43] [*Relative to Taxes, 1784.*]

State of Newhampshire

The Petition of the Town of Marlow humbly Sheweth That in the Proportion taken in 1777 the Town of Marlow Sent in their Inventory according to the best of their Knowledge Includeing all within the Original Limitts of Said Town—after which the General Court by their Special order Resolvd that a certain part of the Land aforesaid with the Inhabitants thereon so far as the Masonian grant Extended Should pay their proportion another way whereby your Petitioners where Deprived of a Considerable part of their Strength which they Expected

in paying the Quotas of Taxes Laid on them in consequence of their Proportion and also was Doom[d] their Supose[d] proportion in 1780 Including the Land aforesaid Therefore your Petitioner humbly Pray[e] that So much of their Taxes As hath been So Laid on them may be abated that they may only pay their Just proportion of Taxes in Said State which they Ever Desire to do and no more and your Petitioners as in Duty bound will Ever pray

Nath[ll] S Prentice in behalf of Said Town

[7-44] [*Relative to East Line of the Town, 1798.*]

To the honarble Senate and hous of Representatives in Jeneral cort Convened at Concord on the thurd Wedingsday of this Instant November

your pertisherners humbley Shweth that whereas an act has Ben past Giving Juresdiction of a part of marlow to Stodderd to the grate deterament of said marlow and must unavoidable Ruen said town if Said act is not Reconsedered tharefore your portisherners humbley prayeth that your honers will make thare Case your Case and then Consider wheather you would Be willing to have your towns Cut to peaces without the Concent of the inhabetents then your portisheners thinks they Shall be Abel By thare agent to Shew the unreasonable ness of that act which your portishoners thinks neaver would Ben past if the honerable Cort at that Time had farly understod the situation of Both towns that Stoddard is Biger without that Strip than marlow is with it by Reason of washington Exersising Juresdiction over a Considerable part of said marlow and your portisheners humbley prayeth that they may not Be tore to peases to Set up thare nabering towns thow they are willing to suffer with other Towns But not to be tore to peaces to set them up tharefore your portisheners humbley Requestes that act may Be Reconsidered and your portisheners as in duty Bound Shall Ever pray

Marlow November 16th 1798

Elisha Huntley } Select
Abijah Mack } Men of
Wells Way } marlow

[7-45] [*Remonstrance to the Establishment of the East Line as by the Act of 1797.*]

To the Honourable senate & house of Representatives to be convened at Concord on the third wednesday of November—

The Petition of the Proprietors of the town of Marlow humbly shews that the General court at their sessions in June 1797 sett off the southeast part of Marlow containing About four thousand acres of s^d Marlow under the Jurisdiction of the town of stoddard haveing About twenty famylies on the same which we concieve was obtained by A Very wrong Representation of the Matters of fact And we your Petioner not thinking it necessary at that time to send in A written remonstrance against the town of stoddard petition fully believing that the honourable court would never take off from the lesser towns to put to the Greater where the town taken off from and the Inhabitants to be taken off had not Requested it but to their great Disappointment it was done. and we your Petioners being fully sensible that s^d Act being carried into effect according to the liberty the town of Stoddard have taken and mean to take by taxing our Lands under the Lay out of the Proprietors of s^d stoddard which your Honours will be sensible lays a foundation for A continered multicipticity of Lawsuits to the Great damage of the publick and to the total Destruction of Many of Your Petitioners Interest on both sides and whereas the Proprietors of s^d stoddard as well as the town have taken the most unwearied paines to Defraud us and Arrest our Lands from us by every strategem that Depraved human nature could Invent and we are fully pursuaded your honours when fully possest of the facts will not uphold them nor strengthen them in their inthusiasm but will Repeal s^d Act and let us peaceably injoy our Land as other Citizens do which is the humble prayer of your petitioners as in duty bound shall pray

Marlow June 4th 1798

Elijah Frink In Behalf of the Petitioners

[All that portion of Marlow lying east of the curve line of Mason's patent was decreed to belong to Stoddard by an act passed June 21, 1797.—Ed.]

MASON.

The township was granted November 1, 1749, by Joseph Blanchard, as agent for the Masonian proprietors, to William Lawrence and others, and was called No. 1, until, in answer to a petition, it was incorporated with town priv-

ileges August 26, 1768, and given its present name in honor of Capt. John Mason, the original owner of that tract of land known as "Mason's Patent."

At a meeting of the inhabitants held June 22, 1768, they voted to have the town called Sharon; but Governor Wentworth, who generally named towns to please himself, named it Mason.

This town includes that portion of the town of Townsend, Mass., which was north of the province line as established in 1741.

By an act passed June 28, 1872, the north-west part of the town was set off, and incorporated into the town of Greenville, and the line between the two towns was established the following year.

Joseph Blood, of Mason, was killed in the battle of Bunker Hill. Ebenezer Blood, Jr., was taken prisoner at the same time, and never returned home.

[7-50] [*Petition for a Town Charter, 1768.*]

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captain General Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of New-Hampshire in Council—

The humble Petition of Obadiah Parker of a Place within the said Province called N° 1 on behalf of himself and the rest of the Inhabitants there.

Sheweth: That the said Tract of Land is about 5 Miles Square & is held by your Pet^{rs} under a Grant from the Gent^{n} Proprietors of Mason's Patent and is bounded as follows Viz^{t}

Beginning at a Stake & Stones on the Province Line, then running on the Province Line 5 Miles & 20 rods to the S: E. Corner of New Ipswich Thence running N^{o} on said New Ipswich line 5 Miles to a White pine Tree to Wilton Corner Then running E. on the S^{o} line of Wilton 5 Miles to a hemlock tree then running S^{o} 5 Miles by the Needle to the Bounds first mentioned. That they have now Fifty Six Families on the Spot, and are ripe for Town Officers, a Minister &c

Wherefore they humbly pray a Charter of Incorporation and that they may be invested with all the Powers & Authorities Privileges & Franchises which other Towns enjoy within this Government by such Name as Your Excellency shall be pleased to appoint.

And your Pet^{rs} will ever pray &c

Obadiah Parker pro Se et Cæteris.
[For himself and others.]

[7-46] [*Relative to an alleged Theft, 1775.*]

To the honorable Gentlemen of the Provincial Congress of New Hampshire—

That whereas Jason Russell & John Tarbell both of Mason in said Province, did in a felonious Manner on or about the Twentieth of May last, retire to a Pasture in said Town belonging to Sam^ll Dana of Groton & took from thence a Three Years old Heifer & killed & converted it to their own Use—Whereupon early Notice being given to the Committee for said Town, met & requir'd of the Offenders full Satisfaction therefor, But each of them peremptorily refusing to comply therewith the Advice of Committees from two neighbouring towns being called in, viz New-Ipswich & Temple & the Criminals being cited to appear before said Committees not only neglected to make their Appearance before us, But as we learn have fled to the Army & finding ourselves unable to settle the unhappy Difficulty by Reason of their escape, came into the following Resolution viz—

Resolved to refer the Matter to your judicious Consideration, begging that you will in your Wisdom, take cogniscence, either of the Offence & deal with the Offenders or give us Rules how to proceed with them in this, & such like Case for the future—

Ephraim Adams Chairman for said Committee.

David Blodgett Scribe

Dated Mason June 26th 1775

[7-47] [*Relative to Paper Currency, 1777.*]

To The Honorable Council and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Cort assembled at Exeter on Wednesday the 17th Day of December AD: 1777 Humbly Sheweth the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of The Town of Mason in the County of Hillsborough in S^d State That the Calling in and Sinking this States Bills of Publick Credit of the Square form So Called and giving in Exchange For the Same Treasuerys notes upon Loan or Intrest appears to your Honours Suppliants to be Disadvantegeous and Detrimental to this State in General and Tends to Sap the Foundation of Prosperity among the Good People of this State and Embarrass the Growth of the Commonweth Then Engaged in a very Grevious and Expencive war the Period of Which is Yet unknown which will unavoidably Prove noxious to this State as well as others

Wherefore your Potitioners Humbly Pray That a Late act of the Former House an act Entitled an act For Calling In and

Sinking the Bills of Publick Credit of This State of the Square Form So Called May Be Repealed and the above Said Bills Pass as Spacified in the Face of the Same or Untill the above S^{d} Bills May be Called in By a Tax as you in your wisdom Shall See Fit and your Humble Potitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

At a Town Meeting held at Mason Decr ye 15: 1777 The abov Potition Being Read ye Town unanimously Voted That S^{d} Potition Be Presented to the Gen^{r} Cort By the hand of ye Representitive of S^{d} Town

Attest Benjamin Mann Town Clark

[7-48]

In obedience to a Vote Passed in the general Court Directing the Selectmen of the Several towns in this state to Return the number of male Poles from twenty one years old and upward paying for themselves a Pole Tax in order to apportion the Representation according to the New Constitution we do hereby Return for the town of mason one Hundred and forty male poles paying for themselves a Pole Tax in S^{d} mason

mason December ye 5th 1783

Elijah Keyes } Selectmen
Amos Dakin }

[Sworn to before Benjamin Mann, justice of the peace.—Ed.]

[7-49] [*Vote relative to Paper Currency, 1786.*]

At a Legal Town meeting held in Mason (by adjournment) on Fryday ye 8th Day of Decr 1786

Voted not to have Paper Money on the Plan proposed by the general Court No. 17—& not one appeard for it on s^{d} Plan: No: Eleven Not for Paper Money on any plan: and three for paper Money on some Plan.

Mason Decr ye 8th 1786.

Coppy Attest William Eliot Town Clerk

To Benjamin Mann Esqr Representative for s^{d} Mason & Raby.—

[See Vol. XI, page 130.—Ed.]

[R. 2-267] [*Soldiers' Orders.*]

To Nicholas Gilman Esqr Treasurer

Sir Please to pay Benjamin Mann Esqr the whole of my wagers & milage that is made to me on Capt William Barron Pay role for a three months Campeign in the year 1780 and it shall Discharge you from me

Joshua Richardson

Mason September the 9th 1782.

To whome it may concern this may certify that Jn^{on} Richardson in my Roole For 1780 is Joshua

William Barron Capt

[R. 2-268]

To Mr John Taylor gillman Treas^{r} For the State of New Hamp^{r}

Sir Please to Pay the Bareor Benjamin Mann The wages that appears Due to me For the months January Feby March & april in the year 1780 as a Soldier in the Continental army in ye 3^{d} new hampshire reg^{t} Lt Coll^{o} Company and his Receipt Shall be a Discharge For the Same per me, also the arears of Clothing

David Hall

Mason June ye 1st 1784

MEREDITH.

The town was incorporated by the governor and council December 30, 1768, at which time it received its present name.

Previous to its incorporation it was known by the name of New Salem, some of its early settlers being formerly residents of the town of Salem.

It was within the bounds of Mason's Patent, and as incorporated included the present town of Laconia.

By an act approved December 30, 1799, Stone-dam and Bear Islands were annexed to this town.

A division of the town took place July 14, 1855, the south-easterly portion being incorporated into a town by the name of Laconia.

By an act approved July 3, 1873, a portion of Meredith was annexed to Centre Harbor.

[7-51] [*Petition for an Incorporation, 1768.*]

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captain General Governor & Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of New-Hampshire, & The Hon: His Majesty's Council

The humble Petition of David Lawrence Esqr and Ebenezer Smith Gent^{n} in behalf of themselves and others Proprietors & Inhabitants of NEW SALEM (in the Province aforesaid) upon Winipisiokee Pond.

Sheweth

That 17 Families have actually Settled and are now resident in New Salem aforesaid, and four other Families are preparing to go, & reside there.

That they humbly apprehend they are ripe for an Incorporation; and an Investment with Town Priviledges, which will greatly assist the present Settlement, and accelerate its Completion as they can thereby make proper Highways, & have power to chuse Town Officers &c

They therefore pray your Excell^{cy} & Hon^{rs} to take the premises into your Consideration, and that they may be incorporated accordingly

And your Pet^{rs} will ever pray &c

David Lawrence
Ebenezer Smith

Portsmouth 16th June 1768.

[The foregoing petition was granted, and the town incorporated by the name of Meredith, December 30, 1768.—ED.]

[7-54] [*Soldiers' Orders.*]

meredith December ye 15th 1777—

Sr Pleas to pay Col^{o} Ebenezer Smith the full Sum of the Rations Due to me the Subscriber as an Ensign in your Regiment in Genl Starks Brigade—and you will oblige your Humble Servt

Robert Bryant Ensign

To Col^{o} Thomas Stickney—of Concord—

[R. 2-268]

To the paymaster of the continental men Pleas to pay Ebenezer Smith the whole of Pay due to me up to the first of the year 1782 I being soldier in the Newhampshire line in Colonel Reids regiment and you will oblige your Humble Servt

his
Aron X Rolins
mark

Meredith December the 2d 1783.

test Robert Bryant John Kimbel

[R. 2-269]

New Salem January 27th 1785

To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire

Sir please to pay Daniel Cook or his order all that is due to my late husband Nathaniel Chase deceased who was a Soldier in the 2d N H R, and was killed in 1781—

Attest— Value recd witness my hand

her
Samll Gilman Betsy X Chase
mark

New Salem January 27th 1785—

This Certifies that Betsy Chase the above signer is the Widow & sole heir to the aforesaid Nathl Chase deceased who was a Continental Soldier from New Salem—

Phineas Gorden Town Clarke

[R. 2-270] [*Relative to William Maloon, Soldier.*]

The deposition of Nathaniel Wadleigh of lawful Age testifies & Says that William Mallon was in the Service in the Contental Army as one of the six months men in the first New Hampshire Regiment in Captain Farewells Company in the year 1781—& I suppose that he had his discharge at the same time that I & the Rest had our discharge & he & myself Came out of Camp together & further saith not—

Nathaniel Wadleigh

Meredith March 12th 1791

[Sworn before Ebenezer Smith.—Ed.]

[7-52] [*Petition for a Change of Day of Annual Meeting, 1784.*]

State of Newhamps^{r} Strafford ss

meredith march the 25th 1784 at a Legal town meeting this day holden the Second articlé in the warning of Said meeting Voted to Petition the Generál Court to alter day of holding the annual town meeting of Said town from the first monday of april to the Second monday of march for the futer and that Ebenezer Smith be a Committee for that purpose

a true extract from the minuites of s^{d} meeting

attest Ebenezer Smith town Clerk

[The date of annual meeting was changed, by an act passed November 5, 1784, to the second Monday in March. —Ed.]

[7-56] [*Petition of the Baptist Society for an Incorporation, 1797.*]

To the Senate and house of Representatives of the state of Newhampshire Convened at Concord June 1797—

Humbly Sheweth the Petition of the undersigned that they are and have been a Religious Society in the town of Meredith for a Number of years Past Known by the Name of the Baptist Society and have Erected a meeting house and ordained a Leading teaching Elder But we Labour under Some Disadvantages for Not being Incorporated into a Body Poletick so far as to manage our Parroshall affairs and Being unconnected with the other Society in said town we your Humble Petitioners pray this Honorable Court to Pass an act to Encorporate Said Society with full Power to transact their own matters as Concern them at any time as are Incident to a Religious Society we Desire that said Incorporation may be such that any Person or Persons may hereafter have Liberty at any time to Joyn this Society or withdraw them selves therefrom as they may see fit and as in Duty Bound we your humble Petitioners Shall Ever Pray

Meredith April 1797

Abraham Swain	Jesse Plumer Ju^{r}	William pike
John Mead	Jethro Pearson	Benjamin Peas
Stephen Mead	Nathaniel Plumer	Timothy Wamouth
Eben^{r} Pitman	Joseph Goss	timothy morrill

Ebenr Pitman Jr	Wm Randlett	Benjamin Crosbie
Elias Swain Jun	Enoch Gorden	James Peas
Edward fox	James Gorden	Nicholas Smith
Elisha Piper	Levi Randlet	Joseph Pease
Daniel Piper	Amos Levitt	Jonathan Farrar
Daniel Smith 3d	John Robinson	Philip Connor
Samuel Edgerly	Nathanael folsom	Bradstreet Wiggin
Jesse Plumer	thomas Dolloff	John McDaniel
Moses Plumer	Joshua Moses	hesekiah swain
Amos Plumer	Joseph Moses	David Lawrence
nathan plumer	Joshua Crocket	Stephen Farrer
Taylor Pearson	thomas Crosbie	Job Judkins
Levi Leavitt	David Boynton Jr	Jonathan Killey
Joseph Pearson	Jeremiah Pike	Gordon Lawrence
Joshua Woodman	John Swain	Abraham Drake
James Sanborn	Samuel Sibley	

the under Signed have no objections to the prayer of the within Petition being Granted we being Inhabitants of said meredith—

may 1797—

Ebenezer Smith	Ebenr Weeks	Jonathan Page
Daniel Smith	Reuben morgin	Elias Philbrick
Isaac farrar	James Nichols	John Perkins
Robert Bryant	John Cate	Daniel Colby

[A copy of the foregoing was posted at the house of "David Boynton Inholder," and served on the selectmen. See following document.—Ed.]

[7-55] [*Vote of Town relative to the Baptist Society, 1797.*]

Strafford ss Meredith August 28th 1797

At a Legal town Meeting this day holden at the North Meeting House in said town the fourth article in the Warrant for said Meeting to Consider of the Petition of the Baptist Society of this town at the General Court of this State Praying for an incorporation

Voted that they would not uppose the Petition of the Baptist Society at the General Court praying for an incorporation—

The Above is a true Coppy from record Attest—

Daniel Smith Jr Town Clerk

[The society was incorporated by an act passed Dec. 14, 1797.—Ed.]

MERRIMACK.

All that portion of this town lying south of Souhegan river was included in the Dunstable grant of 1673; the north part was a portion of Narragansett No. 5, and was called Souhegan East for some years.

In 1746 "Old Dunstable" was divided: the north-west corner was incorporated by the name of Monson, and the south-east corner by the name of Dunstable, on the first day of April; the south-west corner by the name of Holles, April 3; and the north-east corner by the name of Merrimack, April 2.

By this charter the latter town comprised that portion only of its present territory which lies south of Souhegan river. Col. Joseph Blanchard was authorized to call the first meeting of the inhabitants of Merrimack.

In 1750 the inhabitants petitioned for an addition on account of the small amount of their territory; and on the first day of June of that year, their request was granted by the addition of that portion of the town lying north of Souhegan river.

By an act passed Feb. 1, 1755, the town was authorized to assess and collect a tax of sixpence per acre, on all the non-resident lands in town, for the purpose of building a meeting-house.

Hon. Matthew Thornton, who was for many years a resident of this town, was a member of the first congress, and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He died June 24, 1803, at the age of 89 years.

[7-59] [*Sarah Lutwyche, relative to Ferry, 1775.*]

To the Honorable Congress for the Colony of New Hampshire—

The petition of Sarah Lutwyche Humbly Sheweth that your petitioner removed from Boston into the town of merrimake fifteen years ago Last Aprill and hired the farm & ferry of Cap[t] Comings whereon I have Lived Ever Sence and my Honourd father Left me Some Land in Said town, Some Lettel time after my removal as aforesaid I Exchanged away my Land with Said Comings for the Said farm I now Live on & the ferry which farm and ferry I have Ever sence Enjoyed untill the

Latter end of may Last past at which time a number of Gentlemen viz m^r^ Jonathan Blanchard m^r^ John Neal and others from merrimake and Letchfeld as I am Informed assembled and took away the Ferry from me and have Ever sence taken the profet and Hire thereof to there own use and as I am informed diveded it between the two towns which is depriving and takeing from me my own Estate for which I paid a valuable Consideration and whereon I depended for Considerabel parte of my Supporte and have ben reduced to many difficultys and Inconveniences on acct thereof in my aged widowed State wherefore I humbly pray that your Honors wold be so kind as to take this matter into your Consideration and order that those persons that have been so unkind as to take away my property as aforesaid Shall restore me the same aforesaid and the hire or use thereof Sence that time and your petitioner as in duty bound Shall Ever pray—

merrmak oct 20th 1775

Sarah Lutwyche

Gentlemen I am advanced in years and am in a poor State of helth which maks it allmost imposabel for me to wait upon you and have no frind near me but what is fearfull to appear at the Congress for me wherefore I hope you will be So Kind as to Excuse me in Giving you this trubel as I Know of no other way of Relief or Redress but this and if any difficulty Should appear why the prayer of my petition should not be Granted pray your Honors would appint some Gentleman to Speak for me—

I am Gen^t^ Y^r^ Hum^l^ Ser^t^

Sarah Lutwyche

A Coppey of my petition and Lettre to the Gentelman of the Congress at Exeter

[Mrs. Lutwyche was the mother of Edward Goldstone Lutwyche. See p. 239, ante.—ED.]

[7-58] [*Report of Committee on the Foregoing.*]

In Congress at Exeter Novem^r^ 2^d^ 1775

A petition of Sarah Lutwytche of Merimack complaining that the profits of a Ferry had been taken from her by the Committees of Safety for the Towns of Merimack and Litchfield, (all which is particularly Set forth in her said Petition), being

read and Mr Jonathan Blanchard being heard in behalf of said Committees—

Resolved that the said Ferry ought Imediately to be given up to said Petitioner, and that the Person who has Improved the same under the direction of the aforesaid Committees Account to the Petitioner for the Profits that have arose since he has held it by order of said Committee.

Extract from the Minutes

attest E Thompson Secy

[7-60] [*Remonstrance to Petition of Matthew Thornton for a Ferry, 1784.*]

To the Honorable the Councel & House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire to be Conveen'd at Exeter on the Last Tuesday of march 1784

the Petition of the subscribers Humbly shew

That we are Inform'd that Matthew Thornton Esqr Has petitioned your Honors that he may have the Exclusive right of ferrying people over merrimack river where Colo Lutwyche formerly keept the ferry and that a Hearing is Appointed the 2d Wednesday of your next session

We Humbly pray that his petition may not be Granted first Because it wou'd be unjust that he should have the Benefit of the ferry when the Owners & proprietors of Brintons farm have been at so much Cost and Exspence in Reserving lands on both sides merrimack river keeping proper Vesels for & tending the ferry 2dly because that Colo Thornton sence he has Lived there has paid little or no Attention to serve the publick in that way and if your Honors Grant his petition the public as well as your petitioners will be much Injuired as all that are Aquainted with him know that he never did attend to such matters neither can it be Exspected he ever will

Therefore we Humbly pray your Honors not to Grant his said petition all which your petitioners as in Duty bound do sincerely pray

March 4th 1784

George moore	John McKeen	James McLaughlin of Bedford
James Betton	Joseph Hobbs	John Parker
Robert Nesmth	Josiah Gillis	Amos Martin
Thomas McCleary	Thos Maclaughlin	John Patten
Wilieam moor	Samuel Goffe	David Patten
John Thompson	James Martin Juner	

Robert Dickey
Joseph Harvell
Willm Campbell
Josiah Jones
John Taylor
Jesse Jones
James Taylor
Reuben Senter
Jacob Nickals
John Campbell
Henry Campbell
Jonathan Gregg
Jacob Kendal
Seth Hadley
Henery Hale iur
Moses Barker
Uriah wright
Daniel Wyman
William Davidson
Isaac Levingston
John Mac keen Junier
Gideon Butler
Griggs Goff
Joseph Maclaughlin
Samuel Moor
Joshua Peirce
Zachariah Richardson
Nehemiah ordway
Levi Andrews
John marshall
Samuel Brown
James Gorman
Edward Pollard
Benjamin Dows
Math^{w} Patten
Samuel Patterson
James Martin
William m^{c}allster
James Patten
Adam Smith
Willm Moor Junr
Joseph Patten
Adam Dickey of Bedford
Joseph Bell
Josiah Chandler
Jonathan Parker
William Cambell
William Dickey
Adam Dickey
Stephen Chase
Joseph Tufts
Je^{r} Marsh
David Woodburn
Samuel Eyers
Joseph Chapman
John march
Moses Towns
Ephraim Dimond
John Nours
Edward Ela
James Rogers
James Gregg
Matthew Dickey
Samuel Thomson
Robert Lyons

[7-61] [*Another Remonstrance to same.*]

To the Honble the Councel and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire in General Assembly Conveen'd at Exeter the last Tuesday of March 1784

The Petition of the Subscribers Humbly shews

That in some of the Late New Hampshire news papers They have seen it Advertis'd that Matthew Thornton Esqr Hath Petition'd Your Honers that the Exclusive priviledge of Ferrying people over Merrimack River might be granted to him as set forth in said petition and that your Honors have Order'd a hearing thereon the 2^{d} Wednesday of Your next session. that any person may then Appear & shew Cause (if any they Have) why the prayer thereof should not be Granted—And as the Granting such Petition may be very Injurious to the publick as well as to Your Petitioners: they most Humbly beg leave to Remonstrate and Shew.—

That your petitioners are Owners & Inhabitants of a Farm of the Greatest part of the farm mentioned in the said Petition Called Brintons Farm—An *Ancient Grant*—lying on both sides of Merrimack River and now known by the names of

Litchfield & merrimack and principally included within said Towns & Conceive themselves Entitled in proportion to their Intrests to all the priviledges & Immunities within the Bounds of said Farm wheither by Land or Water—and Humbly Conceive the public as well as themselves wou'd be Greatly Injured if the prayer of that Petition should be Granted. As it is not Likely the ferry will be tended in the manner it Ought to be while under the direction of Col° Thornton as heithertoo he has paid little Attention to it Notwithstanding he mentions the ferry to be the main Inducement to his buying the farm—neither should we be willing an Exclusive right of Ferrying there should be Granted to any person in such a manner as to become a part of his Estate.

it is suggested in said Petition that the Court of General sessions of the peace in the County of middlesex Appointed Jonathan Cumings to keep said ferry and that Cumings sold it to Col° Lutwyche.

we dont know that the General sessions of the peace for the County of Middlesix Granting Licence to Cumings to tend said ferry Gave him a right to the ferry or in any manner Intitled him to Convey the same to any person whomsoever—we denye that Cumings sold it to Col° Lutwyche as not the Least mention is made thereof in Cuminges deed to Lutwyche

it is also mentioned in said Petition that said Lutwyche Obtained from the Governor of New Hamp^r a Grant of said ferry to him his Heirs & Assigns forever and that the said Petitioner is the Legal Owner thereof

If so it seems needless to Trouble your Honors with a petition as he may have remedy at Common Law if he is Disturbed in his property we Cant Conceive your Honors will Indulge Petitioners in matters that can be properly Decided in a Leagal way else where and further we beg Leave to Inform your Honors that Col° Thornton has commenced a Suit against us on this very matter which is now pending; and to be Call'd to Answer at this Court and at a Law court at one and the same time Appears Rather Vexatious, that should your Honors make any regulations Concerning the said ferry we beg we may be Considered and that a ferry may be Established on the east side of said river for the sole use and Benefet of the proprietors and Owners of s^d Brintons farm

This Petition will be Presented and Inforced by our Counsell who will represent us in what is further needful in the premises which we doubt not will have a patient hearing all which is submitted to your wise & Impartial Judgment and Determination and your petitioners as in duty bound will Ever pray—

Litchfield march 4th 1784

Daniel Kendall	Benjamin Blodget	Wentworth Claggett
Samuel Chase	William Reed	James Russell
Gershom Harvell	Samuel senter	Thomas Whittle
David M^c^Quig	Robert Patterson	Simeon Chase
Daniel Bixby	Wyseman Claggett	Joseph Barnes
Jacob Whittemore	Daniel Kendal Junr	John hildreth
Joseph Chase	William Bixby	Samuel Brown
James Underwood	James Harwood	William Hildreth
Josiah Richardson	Ebenezer Chase	James Nahor ye 3^d^
David Cole	James Caldwell	Sam^ll^ Chase Ju^r^
Daniel Blodget	William Whittle	

[The exclusive privilege of keeping a ferry at this place was granted by Gov. Benning Wentworth, July 8, 1776, to Edward Goldstone Lutwyche, and managed by him until April 20, 1775, at which time he left the place and went to the enemy in Boston. His mother, Mrs. Sarah, continued the ferry until it was taken possession of by the committees of safety of the towns of Merrimack and Litchfield; they were, however, on the third of November, 1775, directed by the legislature to give up the ferry to Mrs. Lutwyche.

The following extract from the records of the committee of safety of the state, Sept. 10, 1778, indicates that she died not long prior to that date:

"Appointed Col^o^ Nichols, Mr Underwood & Maj^r^ Chase to take an Inventory & possession of the Estate of Sarah Lutwyche, D^e^."

An act passed April 14, 1784, granting to Matthew Thornton the exclusive right of keeping a ferry over the river within the distance of two miles above or below his house.—Ed.]

[R. 2-271] [*Nathaniel Garfield, Quarter-Master, 1779.*]

The Petition of Nathaniel Gearfield of Merrimac in the county of Hillsborough Gentleman

That your Petitioner in August last went a Volunteer in the last Campaign to Rhode Island in 1778, and there served as Quartermaster of the Brigade of New Hampshire Volunteers under the Command of Brigadier Genl Whipple and expected to have been made up in a Staff Roll accordingly, but by some

means was Neglected, and have never received any pay for said service * * *

In behalf of the Petitioner—

Moses Nichols

[Nov. 6, 1783, said Garfield petitioned for an allowance for a mare lost in said service.—ED.]

[R. 2-273] [*Soldier's Order, 1782.*]

Merrimack July 8th 1782.

To the Treasr of the State of New Hampshire

Sr For value Recd Please to pay Capt William Barron the whol of my wages for serving under Colo Jonson at Coos

Witness my hand—

Abel Davis £8, 7, 9

[R. 2-274] [*Relative to William Cowen, Soldier.*]

[In a petition dated June 3, 1784, Timothy Taylor and Jacob McGaw, selectmen of Merrimack, stated that one William Cowen, a soldier in the Continental army from the town of Merrimack, had by mistake been credited to the town of Amherst.—ED.]

[R. 2-276] [*Petition in behalf of James Taylor, 1785.*]

To the General assembly of the State of New Hampshire

Humbly shews James Taylor late of Merrymac in said state that your Petitioner served in the Regimt Commanded by Lieut Colo Stephen Peabody at Rhodisland as Quarter master of that Regiment during the Continuance thereof and as Sundry officers of that Corps have had an allowance of Depreciation (so called) he prays that he may be Considered in the same way as others are of that Regiment * *

June 2d 1785

Timo Taylor

In Behalf of James Taylor

[7–83] [*Relative to the Election of Representative, 1762.*]

To the Gen^{ll} Assembly of the Province of New Hamp^{re} now held at Portsmouth in s^{d} Prov^{e}

The Petition of the freeholders of Merrim^{e} in s^{d} Province Humbly Sheweth that on the fourth Day of March Instant the freeholders of s^{d} Merrimac and Monson was assembled at s^{d} Merrimac to Elect a person to Represent them in the Gen^{ll} Assembley and Joseph Blanchard Esqr was Declared to be Elected Representative for s^{d} Towns But the Election of him was Illegal for the vots of some persons who had an Estate in s^{d} Merrim^{e} where the s^{d} Choice was Sufficant to Qualify them for voters according to Law was Refused and and others Allowed to vot in s^{d} Election who was Not Quallified according to Law the Election of s^{d} Blanchard was not made by a majority of voters who Had an Estate in s^{d} Merrim^{e} as the Law Requires But by Persons from Monson Hollis & Amherst who had no Estate in s^{d} Merrim^{e} our Being joined with Monson in the Choice of a Representative instead of being a previlidge Strips us of all that Previlidge which By Law we ought to Enjoy in that Respect for Being Called to Meet together and Act Contrary to a positive Law of the Prov^{e} puts us in the utmost Confusion when Mett we theirfor pray that s^{d} Meeting may be Declared nul and s^{d} Election set aside because Illegal and that all the. other Elections of the Like Kind may be set asid as unlawfull Elections and that the Persons thus Elected Contrary to Law may be dismissed with s^{d} Blanchard (viz) John Goffe Esqr Capt Saml Grele Capt Jonathan Cotton & Mr Jo^{s} Wright that they who are thus Elected Contrairy to Law May Not Be Suffered to sit in the Hon^{l} Assembly to pas Laws and votes for others we Dont Beg for favours without Right but pray that we may be Defended in our Lawfull Rights and Previlidges and for the Due Execution of Laws so far as lyes in your power that we may Share in the Common Hapiness of the Province Laws Under the Goverment of So Good a King as we Now Enjoy And we Desire that the Carictore and Conduct of s^{d} Blanchard May Bee Enquired into and Considered which we Judge is Such as renders him unfit of a Sate in the Genl Assembly and that he May Be Desmis^{d} for that if Not for the other Reasons and we as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

Merrim^{e} March Y^{e} 13th 1762

Samuel Spaulding	Thomas Vickere Jur	James Gillmor
William Henry	John henery	John vickere
Charity Lund	James miller	James moors junr
Sam^{ll} Caldwell	William Alld	—— Smith

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John Roby	John Thomas	Patrick Taggart
James Moor	Joseph farmer	Robert mcCormick
Robart Griffen	Benjamin Vickere	William Arbuckle
Samuel mcConihe	Robert Gillmor	Samuell miller
John mcConihe	Samuel Gillmor	Ebenezer Hills
David Thomnson	Thomas vickere	William mcElery

MIDDLETON.

The township was granted by the Masonian proprietors March 21, 1770, and incorporated by the legislature March 4, 1778.

In 1785 the inhabitants of the north part of Middleton, and those of a portion of Wolfeborough, attempted to get set off from their respective towns and be incorporated into a separate town. The scheme did not succeed, being strongly opposed by Wolfeborough and the south part of Middleton.

In 1794 the matter was again brought before the legislature, and the town was divided by an act passed Dec. 30 of that year, the north part being incorporated into a town by the name of Brookfield.

The town was settled by men from Rochester and Lee.

[7-62] [*Petition for an Incorporation, 1773.*]

Province of New Hampshire

To His Excellency—John Wentworth Esquire Captain General, & Commander in chief in & over said Province of New Hampshire &c &c and to The Honorable His Majestys Council for the Same—

The Humble petition of a Number of the inhabitants & proprietors of the Township of Middletown in the County of Strafford & province aforesaid being a tract of land granted by the proprietors of Masons patent so Call'd on the 21st day of March A D 1770—Most Humbly sheweth that great progress is made & is still making towards the Compleat Settlement of said tract of land, and that the inhabitants & proprietors thereof have been at great expence & Charge in making public roads through said Township for the benefit of His Majestys Service—Your petitioners therefore prays that your Excellency and Honours would be pleas[d] to incorporate said tract of Land into a Township with such privaledges as other Towns enjoy

within this Province by the bounds and limits containd in s^d Grant and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

Middletown July 7, 1773—

John Drew	Nathaniel Wentworth	John henson
William Hill		John Tash
Nicholas Tuttle	Josiah Johnson	Ezekiel Sanborn
Nathaniel Varney	Henry Young	Isaac Stanon
Isaac Drew	Joseph Cook	John Gage

[Not granted.—Ed.]

[7-63] [*Province Tax.*]

Middletown	1775,	7,, 4,,
	1776,	4,, 6,, 6
	1777,	27,, 14,, 4
		£39,, 4,, 10

an Extent was Issued & the above Sum of Thirty Nine pounds four shillings & Ten pence paid in Certificates—

J. T. Gilman

[7-64] [*Petition to be Incorporated.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Honb^le General Assembly of said State now conven'd at Exeter

The memorial of Simeon Dearborn in behalf of the Inhabitants of Middletown & Leavits Town (so called) Humbly shews that said Inhabitants are not incorporated into Towns, but were by the Genl Court of said State (when under the former Goverment) Authorized to chuse Selectmen and a Constable for the Sole purpose of Raising a Province Tax—Since the late distraction of the Times have neglected to chuse said Officers, by which means they are return'd to a State of Nature—Therefore your Memorilest Humbly prays that said Inhabitants may be invested with Town priveledges, and in such a manner (if consistant) as to retain the Proprietary priveledges as heretofore—and your Petitioner shall as in duty Bound ever pray—

Exeter March 10th 1777

Simeon Dearborn

[In answer to this, Middleton was incorporated March 4, 1778.—Ed.]

[R. 2-277] [*Soldiers' Orders.*]

Middletown Octr 27 1784

To the Paymaster of Capt Jacob Smith Company in Col^{o} Raynelds Reg^{t} in the year 1781

Sir Plese to Pay Daniel Coók or order all that is due to me from the State I having been a Soldier in the aforesaid Company and for the town of Middletown Value Received

Witness my hand Aaron Buzzell

test—

Joseph Plummer Jonathan Gilman

£6, 4, 0.

[R. 2-278]

Middletown February 6th 1785 To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire Sir Please to pay Danl Cook or his order all that is due to my late Son William Lear who was a Soldier in the 2^{d} Co of the 3^{d} New Hampshire Regiment from Middleton and died in the Summer of 1778—Value Rec^{d}

Witness my hand William Lear

[John Chamberlain, town-clerk, certified that said Lear was the father of said soldier.—Ed.]

[R. 2-279]

Mr Treasurer Sir Please to pay Joshua Pickering or order all the arrears of wages due to me for my service in the late war in the Second New Hampshire Regiment his receipt shall be your Discharge—

Witness my hand—Middletown ye 6th Augs^{t} 1792

Attest— Jonathan Buzzell

Andrew Bickford

[R. 2-280] [*Petition of John Barter, Soldier.*]

[In a petition dated Middletown, Nov. 4, 1788, John Barter stated "that whiles He was in the Service of the United States being a Serjeant in Capt Blodgets Company in the New Hampshire Regiment, He received a dangerous wound in Battle, was shot through the thigh." He was wounded Sept. 19, 1777, asked for an allowance, and was placed on the pension-list at the rate of two dollars per month.—Ed.]

[7-65] [*Relative to the Town's Quota of Soldiers, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the honourable Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened at Concord the 29 Day of october 1783

Humbly Shew the Subscribers Selectmen and other Inhabitants of said town of Middleton Situate in the County of Strafford and State aforesaid that your Petitioners by reason of the Scarcity of Corn and other Provisions among them Some Familys have been Greatly distressed and your Petitioners not Haveing Provision to sell to procure Money have not been able to get their Proportion of Soldiers nor to pay their tax for the year 1782 and for their Neglecting to get their Porportion of Soldiers the Estates of the Selectmen have been attached for the Sum of £256 pound Lawfull money the whole of which Sum your Petitioners are not willing to pay by reason of their having two of said Soldiers in the Sarvice Namely Samuel Leach and Edward Elles but by Reason of not Laying Claim to said Soldiers in Season is the Cause of so Large a Sum but the Reason of their not Laying Claim to said Soldiers in Season was because the act was not Sent to said town before the time was Expired for Laying said Claim Wherefore your Petitioners Humbly Pray that your Honours would take the indigent Circumstances of your Petitioners under your Consideration and take of part of said Sum and Grant them Longer time to procure the money to pay their taxes or Such Relief as in your Wisdom may be Judged Proper and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray &c

Middleton october ye 16— 1783

John Chamberlain
Jacob Pike
Josiah York
} Selectmen of Middleton

Nathaniel Perkins	Waldron Kinnison	Josiah Wille
John Drew	Walter Robonson	David Durgin
Nicholas Frost	Capt Frances Mathers	Bart Richards
Nathaniel wentworth		Nicholas austin
Jethro Horn	William Buzzell	William Lyford
john Whithous	Joseph Elles	John Wille
Daniel Whithous	David watson	Isaac Drew
JoShua Guppy	Peter stellings	Josiah Robinson
John herick	Richard Hanson	Benjamin Clay
Chas Wegans	Wm Chamberlin	Thos Chamberlin
Samuel Johnson	Stephen Lyford	Daniel Drew
Josiah Johnson	John Furnal	Isaac Stanton

John Richard	Ezekiel Sanborn	Charls Stanton
Joseph Bickford	Moses Perkens	Willuam Hill
Solomon Perkins	Moses Whithouse	
John Kinnison	Simon Darborn	

[7-68] [*Petition for a Division of the Town, 1785.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To the Honble Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened at Concord third Wednesday of Octr 1785

Humbly shew the Inhabitants of the Second Division of Middletown in the County of Strafford and State aforesaid that they are situated at great distance from the place of holding the publick meetings in said Town, prevented from going to the other part of the Town where most of the Inhabitants live, without travelling into another Town first, thro' roads almost impassable for great part of the Year—Your Petitioners being so circumstanced have been and must be deprived of the benefit of all Town Priviledges in Middletown while they belong thereto—That as your Petitioners can more conveniently attend the publick Meetings in Wolfborough, should the Meeting House there be built at the place agreed on—they pray that they may be disannexed from Middletown and annexed to Wolfborough, or otherwise relieved from their present grievance—And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c—

Nicholas Austin
for Petitioners

John martain
In behalf of John & Andrew Cabbot.

Thos Chamberlin	Ezekiel Sanborn	Josiah weggen
David Durgin	John willey	Jesse Wiggin
Peter stellings	Charles Stanton	Jos wellea
James Chamberlin	Josiah Robinson	Richard Hanson
Isaac Drew	John Palmer	John Stanton
moses perkins	Walter Robinson	Elijah Stanton
Samuel Tibbets	Benjamin Clay	Robert Calder
Simon Derburn	Charls whithouse	Sa. kenerson
William Wille	David watson	Jon^a Clay
John Fornel Junyer	Wiliam whithous	Jedidiah Drew

For Wolfsboroh

Timothy Johnson	Edmon Tibbets	Joshua Haines

William Cotton	Joseph Kension	William Triggs
Thomas Cotton	Joseph Hainess	John Furbur
William Cotton Junr	Samuel Tibbetts	Joseph Leavitt
John Pickren Cotton	Juner	

[7-69] [*Remonstrance to the foregoing.*]

State of New Hampr Strafford ss—

To the Honorable the General Court of said State—

The Petition of us the Subscribers Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Middletown in said State Humbly Sheweth that we your Petitioners are much Surprized to hear that a Number of People Inhabiting the upper part of our Town have petitioned to be set off from us in the Infant State of our Town as we all are but few in number and the State of our affairs both Public and Private such that if Granted we apprehend would be a great Disadvantage to the General Welfare and Advancement of the Town if not Ruin Both Therefore we Humbly pray that their (said) Petition may not be granted or at least that it may be Suspended to some futer Day and your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall pray.

Middle Town May 28th 1785.—

Nathaniel Perkins	Ephraim Eles	Josiah Johnson
Solomon perkins	John Whithous Ju	Samuel Johnson
timothy Hanson	Joseph Bickford	William Buzzell
Jacob Pike	Trustom Richards	Benjman york
Joseph Cook	John Richards	John York
Robert Cook	Thomas Garland	John Kenston
John Whitehouse	Ebnezer Garland	John heicks
Paul Whithous	Josiah york	George Burnham
Thomas Baker	Benjamin york Junr	Isaac Stanton
Charles Baker	Nathaniel Wentworth	Josiah Miac
Jethro Horn		Jonathan Whithous
Joseph Eles	Moses Wentworth	

[The petition was accompanied by two lotted plans of Middleton, showing the proposed division, which may be found in the manuscript, Volume 7, Nos. 66 and 67. The division was made Dec. 30, 1794, the north part being incorporated into a town named Brookfield. Other documents relative to this matter will be published with Wolfeborough papers.—Ed.]

[7-71] [*Relative to the Town's Quota of Soldiers, 1786.*]

State of New Hampshire Strafford ss:

To the Honble Senate & House of Representatives in General Court convened at Portsmouth the Second wednesday in December 1786—

Humbly Shews that the Town of midleton in said County had a Requisition made by the Genl Court of said State for their Quota of men for the Army during the late War—that the Town in consequence thereof imploied the then Selectmen of said Town to procure the men, & said Selectmen did actually procure and hire two, viz. Samuel Lear & Robert Ellis—that Elijah Buzzell one of the Selectmen & principle actor in this matter, himselfe also engaged in the Army, & in a Secret manner carried off the principle papers Relative to this matter, with a considerable Sum of the Towns money & hath not as yet return'd papers, money, or himself That when the town was call'd on to make return of their men & make out their claims to such as were disputed, (the Surviving or) Remaining Selectmen, neglected their duty herein—In consequence whereof an Extent hath taken place against the Town, & the Selectmen have endeavoured to raise the money, but find it impracticable as there is little or no money to be found in the Town, beside the Town view it as a grievance to pay for the two men that they have already purchassed & to have them transfer'd to other towns without any colour of Right—Wherefore your Petitioners (the Inhabitants of Midleton aforesaid) Humbly pray this Honble Court to take these their grievances into their wise & deliberate consideration & grant them such Relief as their Wisdom & Lenity shall dictate & your Petitioners as in duty Bound shall ever pray

Nicholas austin	Stephen Lyford	John Kennisson
Isaac Drew	Joseph Cook	John York
Jedidiah Drew	Epefram Ellis	Francis Mathes
Moses Whitehous	Jacob Pike	Josiah York
John Fornel junyr	Robert Cook	Nathnel Wentworth
Charles Stanton	Jonathan White-house	Joh hix
Josiah Robinson	John Drew	Thomas Baker
Charles Whitehouse	Timothy hanson	Charles baker
Benjamin Clay	Isaac Stanten	Jonathan Bickford
Jonathan Clay	Solomon Perkens	John Richards
Simon Dearborn	Nathaniel Perkens	Trustum Richards
Richard Hanson	John Whitehouse	Benj York
moses Perkins	Arther Benett	Gideon Johnson
James Chamberlin	Josiah Johnson	Ebenzer Garland
William Wille		Thomas Garland

Wm Chamberlin	Daniel Whitehouse	Joshua Guppy
David Watson	Samuel Johnson	Joseph Eles
David Durgin	William Buzzell	
Waldron Kinnison	Chase Wiggin	

Simeon Dearborn Esqr in behalf of the Selectmen of midletown would further Remonstrate that the Town of Midleton hath advansed large Sums of money for hiring of Soldiers & paying wages, and have had no allowance that the Selectmen were not notified of the Trial Respecting the disputed Soldiers, therefore prays the Honbl Court to take up the whole matter & give all reasonable Releaf to the Inhabitants of sd Town—

Simeon Dearborn

[7-72] [*Vote relative to Paper Money, 1786.*]

At a Legal meeting Held at Middleton the 27 Day of November 1786 at which time maid Choise of Richard Hanson Modarator of said meeting firstly Voted not to Except the Plan respecting a paper Currancy as it was recommended to us 2ly Voted to Have a Paper Currancey Established in said State and proposed the following Plan Viz to have the Sum of one Hundred and twenty Thousand Pounds of Paper money made in sd State ten Thousand of sd money to be Lodged in the Treasurer to Defray State Charges & fifty Thousand Pounds of sd Money to Redeem the States Securitys and the other Sixty Thousand to be Loaned on Land Securitys said money to Pay Back taxes & to be a Lawfull Tender in all Payments & voted to Except the above Proposed Plan and Desolved sd meeting

A true Coppy from the minets
Attest

John Chamberlain Clark

Middleton Novm the 27 1786

[See Vol. XI, p. 130.]

[7-73] [*Petition for Abatement of Taxes, 1787.*]

State of New-Hampshire

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representives for said State in General Assemble Convened—

Humbly shew the Subscribers Selectmen of Middleton Situate in the County of Strafford and State aforesaid that we have had an Extent a Gainst us for Taxes for the years 1775 & 1776 & 1777 which Taxes was Layd on the town before we

were incorporated for your Honours may by inquiring Know that we was not incorporated untill the year 1778 which Taxes Sence we ware incorporated we think reasonable to pay if Possible but for them three years your honours may also know that we had no Select-men to assess the Inhabitents which were but few at that time & some part of them has removed out of town Sence altho the Extent was not Large yet we would Humbly pray that your Honours would take the indigent Circumstances of your Petitioners under your wise Consideration (altho we have paid said Extent) and refund it to some other Tax for we have had an Extent against the town for Soldiers and it would be some help to us towards paying that if your honours think it unreasonable for us to pay the taxes for them three years and if not we would Humbly pray that your Honours would Provide means for us to Collect said taxes by Laying the assessment on the inhabitints that now Lives in said town or such Relief as in your Wisdom may be Judged Proper and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray

Middleton June the 4th 1787

John Chamberlain } Select-Men
George Burnham } for
Joshua Guppy } Middleton

[7-74] [*Petition for a Magistrate, 1790.*]

State of Newhampshire Strafford ss—

To his Excellency the President and Honble Council of the State aford—

The Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Middletown and other Towns adjacent Humbly represent to your Excellency and honors that a Justice of the peace is much wanted in sd Middletown there being none already appointed Therefore Your Petitioners beg leave to recommend and nominate Capt Archelaus Woodman for said office who we pray Your Excellency & Honors may be appointed thereto and your Petitioners as in duty bound will pray &c—

Feby 10th 1790

Joseph Cook	George Burnham	Moses Wintworth
Robert Cook	Ephram Ellis	Thomas garling
William Cook	Andrew Bickford	Benja yorck
Solomon perkins	Samuel Johnson	John Richards
John Davis	Daniel Whitehouse	James gerish
Samuel Laighton jur	John Whitehouse	paul gerish

Josiah york	Paul Whitehouse	Stephen Richards
Joseph Ellis	John whitehouse Jur	Moses chamberling
Jacob picke	Samuel froust	Josiah folsom
Henery picke	John heix	thomas furber
Jacob picke	Jonathan Whithouse	Nichelaus Harford
Joseph Cook Jur	Nicholas Frost	John Burgan
John drew	Isaac stanten	James thomas
Daniel Drew	Daniel Drew jur	Calab Wacom
Aaron Drew	Jonathan Buzzell	Stephen Harvey
Andrew Nute	John bryant	Jonathan Hays
Jonathan Clarck	Timothy hanson	Joseph Larey
Samuel Clarck	gideon Johnson	Joseph Larey Jur
Wilam Buzell	Aaron Buzzell	John yorck
John Buzell	Josiah Jonson	Joshua gupey
Wilam Buzell 2	Paul twombly	

[7-75] [*Relative to Division of State Tax.*]

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Middleton find the proportion of Middleton to be four pounds one Shilling & Nine pence £4 : 1s : 9d and have Devided the Same and

find the North part to be	£2 : 6s : 0d
and the South part to be	1 : 15 : 9

Middleton December : ye 8 : 1794

Attest—

James Chamberlin } Select Men
Jacob Pike } of
Thomas Garland } Middleton

[See page 599, ante.—Ed.]

MILFORD.

The town was formed of territory taken from the north-west part of Hollis, the south-west part of Amherst, all that portion of the "mile slip" not included in Brookline, and an ancient grant made by Massachusetts to the school at Duxbury, called "Duxbury School Farm." It was incorporated Jan. 11, 1794, at which time it received its present name.

The mile slip referred to was a strip of land about one

mile wide, lying west of the old Dunstable grant; the southern portion of which had been incorporated with Raby (Brookline) in 1769.

An attempt was made by some of the inhabitants resident thereon in 1779, and again the following year, to get these tracts of land incorporated into a town; but it was opposed by Amherst, and was not successful.

In 1792 the south-west part of Amherst succeeded in getting erected into a parish, after which the town gave its consent by vote to its entire separation, which removed the most serious obstacle to the formation of Milford.

An addition was made to the town Dec. 20, 1842, by the annexation of another portion of Amherst. Another addition was made June 27, 1873, of territory taken from Lyndeborough.

[R. 2-282] [*Asa Lewis, Soldier.*]

To Nicholas Gilman Esqr Receiver General for the Colony of New Hampshire—

In obedience to the Late Congress for this Colony this may Certify that Asa Lewis of Duxbury School farm was in the Continental Army in ye year 1775 and is Inlisted and gone into the Service this year for which Reason Please to Allow Stephen Blanchard Collector for the afore^d farm the sum of Two Shillings six pence and one farthen Lawfull Money it being the sum one single Pole Pays to the Colony Tax

Samuel Gutterson } Assessors
Daniel Chandler }

Duxbury farm & Mile Slip May 29, 1776

[R. 2-283] [*Soldier's Order, 1785.*]

For value Rec^d Sir Pleas to Pay to Josiah Munro all the wages that is Due to Me as a Soldier in the First New Hampshire Reg^t for the three years Service and my arrearage of Clothing and this order shall be a full Discharge from me

Mile Slip Jany 12th 1785—

John his × mark McIntire

Test—Sarah Bridges

To the Treasury of the State

[7–81] [*Petition for an Incorporation*, 1779.]

To the Honble the Council and Gentlemen of the Honble House of Representatives in General Assembly at Exeter convened March the 1779.

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of Duxbury Farm and Mile Slip in the County of Hillsborough, and State of New Hamp^{re} whose names are hereto subscribed.

Sheweth That they are not suficiently numerous to settle and maintain a Gospel Minister, and it is not likely they ever will

That they are situate between the Towns of Amherst and Wilton but at such a distance from their Meeting-houses, that the aged and infirm are utterly unable to attend public Worship, and it is a great Inconvenience to the rest.

That divers of the Inhabitants of said Towns of Lyndsborough and Amherst, who live near the said Duxbury Farm and mile Slip labour under the same disadvantage, and as by reason of the largeness of the said Towns, and number of the Inhabitants, they can well be spared, are very desirous of being seperate from their said Towns, and annexed to said Duxbury Farm and Slip. Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray Your Honors to take their said Case into your serious Consideration and that (if in your great Wisdom you shall see proper) your Pet^{rs} may be at liberty to bring in a Bill, in order to annex a certain part of said Amherst and Lyndborough and the Inhabitants thereof to the said Duxbury Farm and Slip, Viz^{t} in Amherst Beginning at the northwest corner of a lot belonging to william Peabody Ju^{nr} lying on amherst west line thence an East point 396 Poles being the width of six lots to the northeast Corner of a lot belonging to from thence a southerly point to the East End of the house of John Burn then south to the south line of amherst then by s^{d} line to the east side of the mile slip

and in Lyndsboro Beginning at the northeast corner of Duxbury-school-farm and running a westerly point by the north end of s^{d} farm and mile slip to the east line of wilton then running north by s^{d} wilton to the northeast corner of s^{d} wilton thence a East point to amherst west line thence a southerly point by amherst west line to the northeast corner of Duxbury school farm

And that the whole may be Erected into a Township with such Priviledges and Immunities as are Enjoyed by other Towns within the said State.

And your Pet^{rs} as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Lyndborough

Jonathan Pearson Junr	Nathan pearson	Samuel Town
Edward Kerwin	thomas pearson	Isaac Marshall
	John Meeds	

Amherst

Stephen Burnam	Thomas Carlton	william Parson
William Wallace	Elisha Hutchinson	Richard Boynton
Abner Hutchinson	Joshua Burnam	Ben^{n} Lewis Ju^{r}
John Bradford	Caleb Jones	Jotham Blanchard
Richard Gould	Benj^{a} Lewis	Thomas pearson
Benjamin Temple	David Chandler	William pearson Juner
Ebenezer Averil	Ebenezer parson	
Richard Ward	Samuel parson	Amos pearson
Jeremiah Burnam	Caleb Jones	

[7-76] [*Remonstrance to foregoing, 1779.*]

To the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives in New-Hampshire

Whereas certain persons belonging to Duxbury School-Farm, Amherst, Lyndeborough & the Mile Slip in their Petition to Your Hon^{rs} of March last, pray'd that they might be Erected into a Township as in Said Petition expres'd and obtain'd an Order for a hearing before the Genl Assembly on the second Thursday of their next sessions after the 17th of June AD 1779, and We being Residents & Proprietors of the said Mile-Slip, Humbly pray that the prayer of said Petition may not be Granted at Present, as We think if it should it would Greatly Embaras & perplex us. We therefore pray that said Petition may be dismissed.—

Stephen Blanchard
Stephen Blanchard Junr
Benjamin Wright
Stephen Williams
Aaron peabody
Simon Blanchard
6 Persons

N: B: We non Resident Proprietors in the within named Amherst & Mile-Slip; join in the prayer of the within Petition, & pray that said Amherst & Said Mile-Slip may remain as they are, until some more Convenient season.—

[A similar petition was signed by William Peabody. —Ed.]

[7-78] [*Remonstrance from Amherst.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Honble the Council & House of Representatives for the State afores^{d}.—

Whereas the Inhabitants (or certain of them) of Duxbury Farm, otherwise called Duxbury School-Farm, and Mile Slip in the County of Hillsborough in this State, in march last, did prefer a Petition to your Honours praying that they might be erected into a Township together with certain Parts of Lyndeborough & Amherst in s^{d} State in their Petition set forth, &c—We the Subscribers, being Residents and Proprietors in that Part of Amherst which they in their s^{d} Petition pray may be incorporated with, & a Part of, their proposed Township; humbly pray that we may not be set of to, & incorporated with, the s^{d} proposed Township; but that we may be permitted to remain in our present State, as we humbly conceive that it is much more for our Interest & Convenience to remain, at present, as we are, and not be incumbered and perplexed with the Charges & Incumbrances necessarily attending the erecting a new Township —which is humbly submitted—by

Benjamin Hopkins	James Russell	Nathan Hutchinson
Benjamin Hopkins junior	Joseph Crosby	James hartshorn
Jonathan Grimes	Josiah Sawyer	George Burns
Josiah Sawyer Ju	Ebenezer Hopkins	Jacob Cram of Lyndeborough
Thaddeus his X mark Grimes	John Burns	
	John Burns June	
	Samson Crosby	

16^{teen} with Wm Peabody

[7-79] [*Petition for an Incorporation, 1780.*]

To the Honorable the Council and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire to be Conven^{d} at Exeter on the first Wednesday of June Next the Petition of the Subscribers Humbly Sheweth—That Your Petitioners are Inhabitants of the Southwesterly part of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough; that the Inhabitants of the one Mile Slip and Duxbury School farm labour under many Disadvantages for want of an Incorperation, and of themselves are too few in Number at present to Support a Minister of the Gospel if they ware Incorporated—and Are at too Great a Distance from the Places of Publick Worship in the Neighbouring Towns to Attend with any Conveniancy—that Your Petitioners live very far from the Place of

Publick Worship in Amharst and Labour under Great disadvantages in our present Scituation that your Petitioners Apprehend that if we ware Anexed to the one Mile Slip and Duxbury School farm Agreable to the following lines, we Should be Able to Support a Gospel Minister and Should have many Advantages that we are at Present deprived of—and at the Same time the Inhabitants of the one Mile Slip and Duxbury farm will have the Same previledges their Neighbours Enjoy, and Amharst Receive no Real Injury by it; Wherefore Your Petitioners Pray your Honours to take the Matter Under your Wise Consideration and if your Honours think fit, to Incorporate the Inhabitants of the Tract of land Included in the following Bounds into a Body Politick Giving us all the Previledges and Advantages that Other Towns Enjoy Bounded as follows Beginning at a White oak Tree Standing on the East line of Wilton it being the Northwest Corner Bounds of the one Mile Slip, Runing Easterly on the South line of Lyndeborough Six hundred Poles to a Maple Tree it being the South East Corner Bounds of Lyndeborough, then Runing Northerly on the East line of Lyndeborough about half a Mile to the Southwest Corner Bounds of a Lot Own^d^ in Part by Joseph Dunklin from thence Easterly four Hundred and Eighty Eight Poles to a Stake and Stones Standing in the South east Corner of a lot Own^d^ by Amos Green from thence Southerly five Hundred and Ninety two Poles to an Oak Tree Marked Standing on land of Col^l^ John Shephard by the North Bank of Souhegon River from thence Southeasterly makeing Souhegon River the Northerly line till it Comes to a Stake and Stones Standing on the South bank of Souhegon River on land of Mosses Towns about two Miles on a Straight line from the Oak tree Mentioned on Col^l^ Shephards land, then from said Stake and Stones Runing Southerly Six hundred and Twenty Poles to a Stake and Stones Standing in the North line of Hollis from thence westerly on Hollis North line four Miles and one Quarter of a Mile to a Stake and Stones being the Northwest Corner Bounds of Hollis from thence Westerly one Mile to a Stake and Stones Standing, in the East line of Mason then Northerly Two Hundred and forty Eight Poles to a Chesnut Tree being the Southeast Corner Bounds of Wilton then Northerly on the East line of Wilton three Miles and a half to the first Bounds Mentioned—And Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray

If an Incorporation with the Destrict Should be Disagreeable to your Honours we the Subcribers Pray that your Honours would apoint a Comittee to Come and View our Situation and your Petitionrs as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray

Amharst May 31 1780.

William Wallace	Joseph Crosby	Elijah Averil
Benj^{a} Hopkins junr	Bartho^{l}w Hutchinson	Joshua Burnam
Nathan Hutchinson	John Bradford	andrew Bradford
Nathan Hutchinson Junr	Stephen Burnam	William Peabody Jur
	Ebenezer averil	William Peabody
Calab Jones Junr	Benjamin Temple	Wm Crosby
Benj^{a} Hutchinson	Abner Hutchinson	Josiah Crosby
Ebeneser Hopkins	Elisha Hutchinson	
Josiah Crosby Junr	John Wallace	

[The following names are on a similar petition, dated Mile Slip, May 31, 1780:—Ed.]

Samuel gutterson	Stephen Blanchard Junr	thomes parson
Aaron peabody		William parson
Joseph Wallaas	Ben^{n} Lewis Ju^{r}	David Burnam
Benj^{a} Wright	David Candler	William Person Juner
Stephen Blanchard	Caleb Jones	Richard Boynton
Joshua Mooar	Benj^{a} Lewis	Simon Blanchard
Stephen Williams	Samuel parson	Timothy mcIntire

[The petitioners did not succeed until 1794. See page 603, *ante*.—Ed.]

[R. 2-284.] [*Petition of Archelaus Batchelder, Soldier.*]

[In a petition dated Milford, May 26, 1795, Archelaus Batchelder stated "that he was grevously wounded in the service of the United States in the time of the late war." He stated that he expected to be placed on the pension-list, and asked the legislature to intercede in favor of his being granted arrears.—Ed.]

MONSON.

This town was incorporated April 1, 1746, and comprised the north-west part of the old Dunstable grant.

It had an existence as a town until July 4, 1770, at which time, in answer to a request of the inhabitants, about two miles wide on the north side was annexed to Amherst, and the remainder to Hollis.

An unsuccessful attempt was made in 1782 to reëstablish the town as originally granted.

[7-82] [*Vote of the Town, 1761.*]

Att the Annual Meeting in Monson March 23; 1761,

Voted to Grant the petition of Hollis namely that a Mile and half or their about be Sett of to Hollis agreable to the Petition of said Hollis—

And Voted the South Side of as above by the Major part of the North Side—

it, being an artickle incerted in the Warrant for Said Meeting—

Copy, per Benj^a Kenrick Town Clark

Monson Decem: 28, 1762

[7-84] [*Vote relative to locating a Meeting-House, 1756.*]

Att a Town meeting held in Monson December, 6th day, 1756,

Voted, to Set the Meeting House in the most Convenient place nere the Center of the Town—

Monson, march, 16 1763.

A Coppy p^r Benj^a Kenrick, Town Clark

[7-85] [*Hollis asks for a Portion of Monson, 1763.*]

Whereas there was an articall in the warrant for the annuall Meeting to be held in Holles march the 2nd 1761 to see if the Town would Petition the Town of Monson for one mile and a half or there abouts on the south side to be annexed to the Town of Hollis Pursuant to said articall Voted to Petition the Town of Monson for one Mile and a half or there abouts on the south side of said Monson to be annexed to the Town of Holles and Chose Doctor John Hale Francis Worcester and Jonathan Taylor a Com^tee to Pefar Said Petition

Holles January the 3^d 1763—

A True Coppy—

Pr Sam^ll Cumings Town Clerk of Holles

[R. 2-285] [*Benjamin Hopkins's Bill, 1761.*]

Monson June ye 25 1761

Account of Capt Samuel Gerrish Company who victualed at my house and the mens Names—

Francis allet	Ephraim alley	Cornels Denboe
Samuel Perkins	David Call	Ebenezer Hall
John Johnson	Ebenezer Ransom	William Berry
Robert Boodey	Daniel alley	Seth Thomson
William Randle	Abraham Nute	John Field
Richard Ransom	Samuel kinney	Willm Rins
Daniel Dealing	William Berry	Joseph Perkins
Thomas Ransom	Samuel Kenney	
Paul Horn	Nathaniel Denboe	

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True accompt— per Benjamin Hopkins

[Sworn to Oct. 15, 1767, before John Goffe. In H. of Rep., May 25, 1768 "Voted that it be Dismissed."—Ed.]

[7-86] [*Relative to Annexation of a Portion of Monson to Hollis, 1773.*]

Province of New Hampshire

To the Honble His majestys Council & House of Representatives for said Province—Gentlemen—

Whereas by your Vote & Order at y^r Late Session Our Town Namely Monson may be heard next week if the Court be then Setting on their vote & Petitions Relating the Setting off and Annexing a part of Our said Town to Holles—But there having very Lately been Some New Proposals made by Some of Our Neighbours (Concerning It) both in Holles & Amherst of a very pacifick tendency which if Complied with we Apprehend will be more Advantageous than Any Measures yet Concerted—

Therefore pray that your Hon^rs Would Suspend the affair untill the Second day of y^r first Session After the first day of Sepr Next that we may in the Interim Consider & Settle said Proposals—& We as in duty bound Shall ever pray—

Dated at Monson April the 29^d 1763—

Benj^a Kenrick
Josiah Crosby } Selectmen
Daniel Kenrick

[7-87] [*Petition to be annexed to Hollis, 1762.*]

Province of New Hamp^{r}

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq: Govr &c

The Hon^{le} his Majestys Council & Assembly of said Province The Petition of us the Subscribers being Inhabitants of the South side of the Town of Monson in said Province—Humbly shews that we Can be Much better Accommodated as to Town priviledges by being Annexed to Holles Than to remain as we Are That our said Town of Monson Are Desirous of having the Thing done as may appear by their Vote March the 23^{d} 1761 We Therefore pray that Your Excellency And Hon^{rs} would Take the premises under your wise Consideration and Grant it According to the Ten^{r} of said Vote—

And We as in duty bound shall ever Pray

Dated at Monson Octr ye 18th 1762

William Nevins	Thomas Nevens	Zachariah Shattuck
William Colborn Junr	Samuel Hayden	Samuel Stearns ju
onesiphorus marsh	Daniel Kenrick	Robt Colburn
Abraham Leman	Josep Stearnes	William Colburn
Dan^{ll} Bayley	James wheeler	
	Daniel Wheeler	

[7-88] [*Reasons for not granting foregoing Petition.*]

To His Exelency Bening Wentworth Esqr Governer in chief in and over his Majesties Province of New-Hampshire, The Honourable the Council, and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled—

We the subscribers Inhabitants and freeholders in the Town of Monson in the province aforesaid Humbly shew, that, Whereas the south of Monson aforesaid has petitioned the General Court aforesd to be Annexed to Hollis: And as the Honourable Assembly has seen Cause in Their great Wisdom and Clemency to send to us for our Reasons, why the prayer of s^{d} Petition should not be granted so may it please your Exelency and Honours We with the lowest Submission beg leave to offer them—and in the first place we look upon the Town of Monson sufficient to support the Gospell, provided it was settled; And we Impute the Reason of its not settling to the Neglect of Building a Meeting-House and settling the Gospell: It also appears to us quite an unreasonable thing that the south of Monson should be Annexed to Hollis, a Numerous People able to support the Gospell without them and we Humbly pray that

their Requst May ne'r be Granted for if so we are disenabled to Defray Town Charges and to settle the Gospell, and we are well Assured that your Exelency and Honours will take no pleasure in inlarging of one Town by ruining of another and it apears to us that the Scheem they are upon to break Monson has no Heigher ends then Private Interest and an Immence Damage to the Publick the Consaquence will be either fatal to Amherst and New-Boston in splitting And taring them to pieces and puting them to an immence Cost and Bring on a quarel that perhaps may not soon end or else it will leave us under very distressing Circumstances by the smallness of our Number and Scantiness of our Town—

And now may it please your Exelency & Honours we Esteem it our Duty as a Body Politick to use those Means which has the greatest Tendency to promote its Increase and flourish In order there unto the Town was for Building a Meeting-House in order for a Gospell Settlement and indeed went so far as to get a vote for it though afterward when said vote was laid before the Town they did not see Cause to Comply with it And if the Laws of the Government oblidges every Town to have a Meeting-House and an orthodox Minister verily such Towns or Members thereof as Refus[d] Cast Contempt on Authority and we are well assured that their offence in such a Wise assembly shall not be their Defence—and as the Building of a Meeting-House and settling of the Gospell has been an effectual Means to the Increase of a Society so the Neglect has proved the Contrary, and as the Chief of the Land is settled on each side of the Town—so the land that lays wast and Destitute of Inhabitants lies in the Middle of the Town which although perhaps Reputed by some to be Broaken land Infeasable for Settlement yet in our Judgment tis as good Land as any in the Town except a piece on the River, and is it reasonable may it please your Exelency and Honours that Members of a Society after they have kept back the Increase thereof that a part of that Sosiety should go of to another town and leave the Remainder unable to Defray their Charges, as will be the Case with us if the South sid is set to Hollis being at a great and Continual Charge to maintain our Poor—(as also the one half of two large Bridges upon Soughegan River which are a Constant and very heavy Cherge,) And if we are as Dutifull Subjects as others why ought we not to have our Properties Continued, and if we pay our dues as well as others Subjects why may we not have our Religious Privelidges Supported, and as this Honourable Assembly hold the same so undoubtedly it will be thought fit to oblidge those that have Refused to Comply with what duty and Interest Requires as also the promoting the Public Weal and Interest—therefore finally suffer

us to suplicate your Exelency and Hon^{m} to lay a Tax upon the Land in the Town of Monson to enable us to build a Meeting House in order to a Gospell Settlement and so we as in duty Bound Shall ever pray.

Furthermore we the Subscribers Inhabitants and freeholders of the Town of Monson do Impower and desire Benj^{a} Hopkins and Joseph Gould they or either of them to wait upon the General Assembly and oppose said petition and to shew how unreasonable the prayer thereof, is; so that the Same may not be granted, and also to Petition for such Priviledges for the Town to forward the settling the Gospell as they shall think best.

Monson March ye 18th 1763

Benjamin Hopkins	Joseph Gould	George Burns
John Burns	John Burns Junr	Thomas Burns
Benjamin Hopkns Jun		

[7-92] [*Address expressing Satisfaction with the County Arrangement, 1769.*]

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Cap^{tt} Gener^{ll} Governor and Comd^{r} &c. the Honorable his Majesties Council and House of Representatives for the Province of New Hamsh^{r}—

We Inhabitants of Monson in the Province aforesaid take this Opportunity to Return our most Sincere and hearty Acknowledgements to your Excellency & Honors for the great Wisdom Exhibited in forming & establishing the Lines of the Middle County—We humbly beg your Excellency & Honors, in your great wisdom & Clemency, will Make no Addition to s^{d} County, being Sensible, any addition will Cause Confusion in s^{d} County—We, likewise, earnestly Desire, that Amherst may be the Shire Towne, notwithstanding what may have been Advanced to the Contrary by one in whom we put great Confidence—And We as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray—

April ye 11^{d} 1769

Nathan Hutchinson	Joseph Gould	Samuel Farmer
Josiah Crosby	Daniel Kenrick	Thomas Towne
Jon^{a} Grimes	Willm Colburn	Elisha Towne
Pat Grimes	Thomas Powers	Bartholomew Towne
Josiah Sawyer	Wil^{m} Nevens	Thomas Williams
Caleb Jones	Samuel Leman	Jonathan Towne
Georg Burns	Gardner Towne	Stephen William

John Burns Jun	David Wallingsford	Josiah Crosby Juner
Thomas Burns	Joseph French	Jonathan sawyer
Ames Whittemore	moses Hadley	Israel Wilkins
Abraham Leman	John Dunckle	william french
Isaac Powers	David Dunckle	Thomas nevens
Josiah Kidder Ju^{nr}	Nathaniel Dunckle	Josiah Parker
Wm Kittredge	Archlus Towne	Benj^{a} Kenrick
John Burns	Adam Patson	Josiah Kidder

[7-93] [*Instructions to their Representative, 1769.*]

To Capt John Chamberlain of Merrymack in the Province of New-Hamp^{r}—

Sir/ As You have been Repeatedly Chosen, by the towns of Merrymack & monson to Represent them in the General Assembly of this province, you have the highest assurance of the Confidence they Place in your integrity and ability and that they are willing you should Act in general Cases as your Reason Dictates, Yet in a Matter wherein the Interest of Our Town is nearly Concerned & that of the County also, We take the freedom upon Constitutional Principals to Desire in behalf of our Town that you would Use your utmost influence in Court to prevent Londonderry, Chester, Pelham, Plasto, Salem, and Hamstead &c from being added to this County, because we think that such a thing if it should be done would end in Confusion or Rather in a Dissolution of Countys; and as this County is now full Large enough as to Land as it extends from the west Line of Peterborough to the east Line of Litchfield and will soon be Large as to people we expect that you will Comply with this Our Desire—

Your most Obed^{t}

Arch^{lus} Towne, Joseph Gould, Thomas Burns } Select men of Monson

Dated monson Ap^{r} ye 15 : 1769

[An attempt was made to have the towns above named annexed to Hillsborough county.—Ed.]

[7-89] [*Vote of Monson, 1770.*]

This may Certifie, that their was a Vote of the Town of Monson, april ye 9, 1770, to divide the Same laying part to Amherst and part to Hollis.

attest Benj^{a} Kendrick, last Town Clark

Amherst Novem^{b} 11, 1782.

[7-90] [*Opposition to reëstablishing Monson, 1882.*]

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Hollis held at said Hollis the 13th day of September 1782—

Voted that Richd Cutts Shannon Esq wait on the Gen[l] Court in behalf of the Town of Hollis, to oppose the Petition of Jonathan Lovejoy & others respecting the re Establishing the ancient Boundaries of monson—

eodem die Voted that the Town will Strenuously oppose the Petition of Jonathan Lovejoy & others relative to the Ancient Town of monson's being reincorporated & invested with Town Privileges as formerly being granted, for Reasons mentioned in the answer to said Petition herewith exhibited

Hollis Nov 16, 1782—

Attest William Cumings Town Clerk

MOULTONBOROUGH.

The territory was granted Nov. 17, 1763, by the Masonian proprietors to Col. Jonathan Moulton and others, and settlements were commenced the following year.

An addition was granted Jan. 24, 1765, by the same proprietors, which was sometimes called Moultonborough Gore. The town was incorporated by an act passed Nov. 24, 1777, and received its name in honor of Col. Moulton.

In consequence of disputes arising between this town and Sandwich relative to the divisional line, a committee, consisting of John Langdon, Joshua Wentworth, and Benjamin Chadbourne, was appointed Feb. 22, 1785, to settle the same, its decision to be final.

Long Island was annexed to this town Dec. 30, 1799. The Ossipee tribe of Indians once resided in this vicinity, and many relics have been found in years past.

Col. Joseph Senter was one of the leading men, and an officer of merit in the Revolution, as also was Col. Nathan Hoit.

[7-94] [*Petition for an Incorporation, 1773.*]

Province of Newhampshire

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esquire captain general governour and commander in chief in & over said province of Newhampshire &[ca] &[ca] And to the honrable his majestys councill for the same province.

The humble petition of Jonathan Moulton Esq for himself & other proprietors of two certain tracts of land granted by the proprietors of Masons patent so called the first Tract was granted on the 17th day of November AD 1763 commonly called Moultonborough. The other tract was granted the 24th of January AD 1765 commonly called the gore or moultonborough addition Most Humbly sheweth That great progress is made & still making towards the complete settlement of said two tracts of land and that the inhabitants & Proprietors thereof have been at great charge in making publick roads through said two tracts of land for the benefit of his majestys service. Your petitioner therefore prays that the inhabitants of the said two tracts of land may be respectively incorporated into townships with such privileges as other towns enjoy within this province by the bounds & limits contained in the respective grants, and the petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &ca

January 29 1773.

Jona Moulton

[Not granted.—Ed.]

[7-95] [*Letter from Col. Joseph Senter to the Legislature, 1776.*]

To the Honarble Councel & Representatives Now Sitting at Exeter—

Gentn I am grately Obliged to You for the good opinion You Have of Me and Wish my ability was grater to serve My Countrey. I am Willing at all Times to Exerte my Selfe to the utmost to serve the publick and am with Respect Your Humbl Servant

Joseph Senter

M Borrough 22d June 1776

[7-96] [*Petition for an Incorporation of the Territory into two Towns, 1777.*]

To the Honble the Council & House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Assembly convened—Humbly Shew

Jonathan Moulton Joseph Senter and Bradbury Richardson Esqrs in behalf of the Inhabitants of that Tract of Land called Moultonborough situate in the County of Strafford in the said State—

That the said Inhabitants labour under many Inconveniencies Disadvantages & Difficulties by Reason of their unincorporated State—That the Situation and Extent of said Tract render it most convenient for said Inhabitants that it be divided and erected into Two distinct Townships—Wherefore Y^r Petitioners in behalf of said Inhabitants humbly pray that the said Tract may be erected into two distinct Townships, One, within the following bounds—vizt beginning at the South Easterly corner of Meredith at Winnepissiokee Pond then running northwesterly by said Meredith to the North Easterly Corner thereof thence on a strait Line with the North Easterly Line of Meredith, to Holderness thence Northeasterly by said Holderness to Sandwich thence Easterly by Sandwich and Tamworth to the South Easterly Corner of Tamworth thence Southwesterly to the Northwesterly Corner of Tuftonborough thence Southwesterly by said Tuftonborough to Winnepissiokee Pond thence Westerly by the Shore of said Pond, as that lays, to the Bound first mentioned—and that it be incorporated by the Name of Moulton—And the other within the bounds following vizt beginning at the Northeasterly Corner of Meredith thirty Rods from Winnepissiokee Pond thence running South fifty five Degrees West by Meredith and Sanborntown to Pemigewasset River Thence running northerly up said River by the Middle thereof to the Southwesterly corner of Holderness thence running Easterly by said Holderness to the South East Corner thereof thence running Northerly by said Holderness till it comes to the Westerly line of that Part of said Tract above bounded thence Southeasterly by said Line to the said Northeasterly corner of Meredith—and that the same be incorporated by the Name of Watertown—And that each of said Towns may be invested with all the Powers and enfranchised with all the Rights Privileges and Immunities which any Towns in this State hold and enjoy—And as in Duty bound shall pray &c—

June 13th 1777—

Jon^a Moulton
Joseph Senter
Bradbury Richardson

[The town was incorporated Nov. 24, 1777.—Ed.]

[7-97] [*Relative to Rev. Samuel Perley, 1779.*]

State of New Hampshire Strafford ss

To the Honble Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened—

The Petition of Bradbury Richardson Nathaniel Ambrose, Abraham Burnam, Jonathan Moulton and John Adams a Committee for and in Behalf of the Town of Moultonborough in said State; Humbly shew, that there are great Uneasiness and dissaffection, subsisting in said Town, which has been occasioned, by the Revd Samuel Perley's removing himself and Family into Town with the Pretence of being the settled Minister of the Gospel here, and by his continuing as such in preaching and other Administrations; and by his unjustly claiming and demanding, publick Priviledges granted to the first settled Minister of the Town, which he the said Perley claims by Virtue of a pretended Settlement here, by certain Persons acting under the Denomination of an Ecclesiastical Council in October last—which Council this Town avers convened and acted in that Matter without either the Order, Voice or Concurrence of the Town, and against the general Sense of the Town, as much the greater part of the People were against his being settled here:—The Conduct of said Council, has since by this Town at a legal Meeting been wholly disavowed and greatly disapproved of, as their Records make appear all which said Perley has been duly advised of, and treated with to relinquish his aforesaid Settlement on equitable Terms; & has been legally requested by the Town with the Church to join the Town in calling a Council to judge of his aforesaid Settlement, all which he refused to comply with, but still persists in preaching and in his unjust Demands for the same—Wherefore your Petitioners in their aforesaid Capacity pray your Hon^{bl} Court to view the particular Situation of this Town in the Difficulties they are under with Respect to s^{d} Perley and the Inconvenience that will ever attend the Town in obtaining a regular settled Minister so long as there is a Person, laying Claim to that Office and the Previledges belonging to the same; and that your Honb^{le} Court wou'd so far interfere in the Matter as to order & appoint an Ecclesiastical Council to take Cognizance of the Transactions that have happen'd here with Respect to said Perley, & to judge and determin whither said Perley has ever been fairly and legally settled as a Minister of the Gospel for the Town of Moultonborough and your Petitioners shall ever pray—

Moultonbor^{o} 10th March 1779

Jon^{a} Moulton
Bradbury Richardson
Nathaniel Ambros
Abraham Burnam
John Adams

[Mr. Perley left soon after.—Ed.]

[7-98] [*Relative to Doomage, 1780.*]

State of New Hampshire Strafford ss.

To the Honble Council & House of Representatives in General Assembly convened

The Petition Bradbury Richardson, Nathl Shannon, Joseph Ayres & Jonathan Moulton a Committee for & in Behalf of the Town of Moultonborough Humbly shew, that the Inhabitants of said Town humbly conceive, that they are overrated to the State and Continental Tax, by being doomed upon their Inventory sent to your Honble Court—which Inventory of the Polls & improvable Estates your Petitioners avér to be true & exact—and the Estimation therein of the Value of the unimproved Lands & Buildings your Petitioners conceive is as high as in any Town within this State—Your Petitioners impute the Doomage to some Misrepresentation or Misconception of the Situation of the Town—which Town since New Hampton has been incorporated by it self contains by the Division thereof only Two Hundred Acres to a Right that was thought worth laying out & but Seventy Nine Rights in the Town; Fifteen Hundred Acres of which Land laid out has since been claimed & settled by Sandwich Proprietors & pays Rates to that Town—& many other of the Lotts that were laid out are so mean in Quality as will forever render them Useless for Settlement;—With Respect to the Lands not laid out it is evidently known to be one Ridge of Mountains unfit for Improvements, So that the greater part of the Land fit for Improvements are settled upon by small Farms; & lays chiefly in View upon the Country Road, which tends greatly to raise the Town in the Opinions of People, beyond its true Value in general—Wherefore your Petitioners pray that the Doomage to this Town be taken off & the town pay only agreeable to their Inventory & your Petitioners shall ever pray.

Moultonb^o^ 12th Octob^r^ 1780—

Bradbury Richardson
Joseph Ayers
Nathan^l^ Shannon

[R. 2-286] [*Enlistment, 1780.*]

We the subscribers hereby acknowledge ourselves inlisted private Soldiers to Serve in one of the three Continental Battallions of the State of Newhampshire to Serve untill the Last Day of December Next and promies to be Subject to the Rules and

Regulations of the Continental army During Said term as witness our hands June the 28th 1780

test Ebenr Smith

Daniel Cary
Robert Glines
Samuel Neale

for the town of moultonborough

[7-101] [*Petition of Non-Residents, 1790.*]

State of New Hampshire.

To the Honble the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire now in General Court convened at Portsmouth in said State,

The Memorial of John Peirce and others the Subscribers, proprietors of Land in Mason's Patent so called, in behalf of themselves and the rest of said Proprietors, and of other non resident owners of Land in Moultonborough in said State, Humbly Sheweth,

That an Act has just been passed to tax the lands of non-resident Proprietors in said Town, founded on a petition which your Memorialists never heard of till this day; otherwise they should have opposed the prayer for such an Act. That the Masonian Proprietors by express stipulations in the Charter of this and other Towns are free from the expences to be defrayed by this Tax, and the Grantees or other Proprietors took them upon themselves. And when this has been brought into view, they have been accordingly exempted in Acts of this general kind, to prevent their being retrospective, & annihilating former Contracts.

That this Act eases the Town and burdens non-resident Proprietors, with the expence of repairing all Roads and Bridges whatever in said town—And the monies raised may be applied to the building Bridges and repairing highways indefinitely according to the Terms of the Title, preamble, and Body of said Act.

That the Lands of non-residents are subjected to Sale for non payment of the Tax, without any liberty of, or provision for their Redemption. Wherefore your Memorialists pray your Honours to take their case into your wise consideration, and to annul and repeal the said Act, and grant them the priviledge of being heard on said Petition, and they as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Portsmouth Jany 7th 1790

Dan[l] Humphreys Ex[r] of Geo: Atkinson Esq[r]
John Peirce for himself & others whom he Represents
Geo. Jaffrey
Th[o] Martin
John Penhallow
Woodbury Langdon
Thomas Leavitt Ex[r] to Jonathan Moulton Esq[r]

[7-102] [*Vote to change date of Annual Meeting, 1791.*]

Att a Legal Meeting held by the Inhabitants of the Town of Moultonborough the twenty Seventh day of June 1791—

Voted Nathan Hoit Esq[r] is impower'd to git March Meeting alter'd for said Town agreable to a petition said Hoit carried into the General Court The above is a true Copy taken off the Record

Edw[d] B. Moulton Town Clk.

Moultonb[r] Nov[r] 15th 1791

[The legislature changed the date of annual meeting to the first Monday in March.—Ed.]

NASHUA.

This city occupies the south-east part of that portion of the old Dunstable grant of 1673 which proved to be in this state, and retained the ancient name when the old township was divided in 1746. It was incorporated April first of that year. In 1748 the citizens of the town had become so much divided in sentiment that they elected two sets of town officers, and a new election was ordered by the council and assembly, who appointed Thomas Colburne, of Nottingham West, as moderator of the meeting.

December 13, 1763, a portion of Dunstable, called "One Pine Hill," was annexed to Hollis, although so strongly opposed by the former as to create much hostility between the two towns. Another tract, comprising the farms of Daniel Merrill and Ebenezer Jaquith, was taken from Dunstable and annexed to Hollis, by an act passed May 14, 1773.

By an act approved December 8, 1836, the name of the town was changed to Nashua.

Nashua was divided June 23, 1842, by a line commencing on Nashua river at the line of Hollis, and running down said river to the Lowell railroad bridge; thence by said railroad to the old ferry road; thence by said road to Merrimack river; and all that portion of the town lying north of that line was incorporated into a town by the name of Nashville, and so remained until June 27, 1853, when the two towns were united and incorporated as a city by the name of Nashua, which has become one of the most populous manufacturing communities in the state.

Artillery pond was thus named because it was included in a grant made by Massachusetts, October 11, 1673, O. S., to the Boston Artillery Company. That grant was of one thousand acres, and included the territory now in the compact part of the city north of Nashua river, and remained in possession of said company until it was purchased by Col. Joseph Blanchard about 1743.

Col. Blanchard was one of the leading men of Dunstable, and for some years agent for the Masonian proprietors.

[7-104] [*Vote of Town relative to Bridge over Nashua River, 1753.*]

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dunstable in the Province of New Hampshire being meet According to Law ye 1^t day of may 1753 and Continued by Adjournment to ye 14th of Said May

An Extract from the votes of Said Meeting Pasd at Said Adjournmeent—

That in as much as the Bridge over Nashuway River in this Town is of Great expence in Building & keeping in Repair. latly at a large expence Built and cared away with a freshet— so much Travilling for the Publick it is of Great nedcessety for Rebuilding the Heavy charge lying on this Town for their other necessary affairs has left them of Inabillity according to the corse of common Taxes to perform the same with out further Aide and Where as there is large Quantitys of land unimproved belonging to Residents and nonresidents which are not Rateable that rise in value by reason of the Improvements and taxes a moungst us—

Therefore Voted that this Town Petition to the Gen^ll Assembly of this Province shewing our deficultys & pray that the Sum of one Hundred and fifty pounds newtenor be lev'y'd upon the

lands in this Town in Equall proportion per acre in such maner as shall be free of charge for Collecting to be Appropriated for the Building a Bridge over Nashuway River and no other use whatso ever & that the Hon[l] Joseph Blanchard Esq[r] and m[r] Jonathan Lovewell be desired to Petition the Gen[ll] Assembly for their Grant Agreable to the foregoing vote Pased in the Affairmative—

Voted that a Bridge be built over Nashuway River the Ensuing sumer at the charge of this Town & That the Hon[le] Joseph Blanchard Esq[r] m[r] Noah Johnson & m[r] Jonathan Lovewell be a Com[tee] Authorized & Impowered in behalf of this Town to agree & contract with any person or persons at their discretion to Effect the same and that such their contract or Agrement be Obligatory & binding upon this Town for payment—

A True Copy from Dunstable Records—

Exam[d] per Jonathan Lovewell Town Clerk—

[7-103] [*Relative to Bridge over Nashua River, 1753.*]

Province of New Hamps

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq[r] Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his majestys Province of new Hampshire, To the Honorable his majestys Council and House of Representatives in General assembly Convened June 19th 1753—

The Petition of Joseph Blanchard Esq[r] and Jonathan Lovewell in behalf of the Town of Dunstable in said Province most humbly shews—

That it is necessary that there be a Bridge over Nashuaway River—That the Town of Dunstable have lately been at great Cost and Charge to build a Bridge over said River which was the last Spring carryed away by a freshet—That the Town of Dunstable have lately passed a vote to build another Bridge over said River (as will appear by the annexed Copy) for the Conveniency of Travellers—That there is a Considerable quantity of unimproved lands lying within the Town of Dunstable which belongs to Residents and Non: Residents which encreases in value yearly without any Taxes whatever being paid for the Same by the owners—wherefore your Petitioners pray that there may be a Tax of one hundred and fifty Pounds New Tener (clear of all Charges for Colecting) laid upon all the lands lying in Dunstable aforesaid whether improved or not improved in equall Proportion, to be improved for and towards

the building a Bridge over the said River and no other use whatever and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c—

Jon^a Lovewell for Self & Jo^e Blanchard Esqr

[In H. of Rep., January 23, 1754, the foregoing petition was granted.—ED.]

[7-105] [*Relative to Representative, 1762.*]

To the Genl Assembly of the Province of New Hampshire now Setting at Portsmouth in said Province

The Petition of the Freeholders of the Town of Dunstable in said Province Humbly sheweth, that there are several persons Returned as Representatives whose choice is Ilegal (viz) Joseph Blanchard Esqr for merrimac and monson Capt Saml Grele for Nottinghamwest and Litchfield Capt Jon^a Carlton for Plastow and Hamstead m^r Joseph Wright for salem and Pelham and John Goffe Esqr for Bedford and Amherst and that—in the Election of Each of said Persons as Representatives many persons wer Allowed to vote who had no Real Estate in the Town Parrish or Precinct where shuch Election was. directly against a Law of this Province Intitled An Act for calling and Ellecting Assembly men and their Quallification and even the Returns of the writs for the choice of said persons for Representatives shew that the meetings for Electing them wer Illegall and tho' the Town of Dunstable had thirty five families settled in it in the year 1680 most of which wer within the bounds of said Town as now Incorporated in this Province yet we are omitted and deprived of having any voice in the Election of a Representative in this Assembly the said Town Rec^d a Charter ap^rl 1^t 1746 from the Governor and Council of this Province with all the Powers and authorities Immunities and Franchises with other Towns within said Province or any of them by Law have and Enjoy and yet other Towns not so long Settled nor Taxed so much have the previledge allowed them which we are denied

we pray that these Affairs may be Exam^d into and Considered and something determined upon the same so that people may know how to practice for the future we pray the said persons may not be allowed to set in the Assembly to vote and Act as assembly men that we may not have any Laws or Votes passed before the House of Representatives be purged of those whose choice is Ilegall and that said persons may not be Allowed to vote or act in any Affair before it be determined wheither their Election is Legal or not we pray that we may

be supported protected and defended in the Enjoyment of our Lawful Rights and Previledges as a free people under the English constitution and Goverment so that we and others may not be Striped of the same and we as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray

Dunstable march ye 13th 1762

Jonathan Lovewell	Isaac Powers	Oliver Farwell
John Alld	David Gilson	Eber Harris
Joseph French	Eleazer Fisk	Ebenezer Harris Jur
Jonathan Lund	Benja Taylor	Thomas Butterfield
Jeremiah Blanchard	Nathanel Jewell	John Butterfield
Thomas Harwood	Daniel Jos Shapperd	Charles Butterfield
Joseph Whiting	James Whitney	John Phelps
John Honey	Benjamin Smith	Jonathan Powers
Thomas Lund	Zaccheus Lovewell	Jeams Harwood Jur
John his X mark Searles	John fletcher	Josiah Butterfield
	John Wright	William Mcluer
Jeremiah Colburn	Peter Honey	abraham heall
John Blanchard	Jacob Taylor	Samuel Searles
William Harvey	Cornelius Danaly	Benja French
Daniel Searles	William Lund	Jonathan Whiting
oliver woods	Joseph Eayrs	Ephrim Butterfeld
John Snow	Samll Roby	David Alld
Winkall Wright	Thomas Heall	Noah Johnson
Joseph Heall	John Lovewell	
Medad Combs	Jos: Senter	

[7-106] [*Trouble at a Town-Meeting, 1762.*]

Province of N Hampshire Jany 19th 1762.

Proceedings of a meeting held at Dunstable at the house of Colle Zaccheus Lovewell's, by the Inhabitance of the towns of Dunstable and Holles, being assembled by notifications, sign'd by the Select-men of both Towns, pursuant to a precept directed to them from the high Sheriff of said Province, to assemble the inhabitants of said Towns, Qualify'd for voting in the choice of Representatives, to make choice of a Person to represent them in Genll Assembly; and being met, Jona Lovewell Esqr One of the Selectmen for the Town of Dunstable Open'd the meeting in the following manner, (viz) he read the precept sent up, also read one of the Notifications pursuant to the precept, sign'd by the Selectmen for both Towns after which he address't himself to the People assembled, setting forth what an unrighteous and unjust thing it was to Couple these Towns

to make choice of a Representative, and signify'd it was taking away Our Priviledges &c, and after considerable of Preamble, said that Holles had no right to vote in this meeting, Only such as had a real Estate in the Town of Dunstable; to which One of the Selectmen for the Town of Dunstable, and the Selectmen for the Town of Holles, made answer, that the Inhabitance of Holles had as good right to vote as the People of Dunstable, by appealing to the Precept; and that those Towns has been Coupeld togather here to fore; and further appeal'd to the Notification pursuant to the Precept, sign'd by the Selectmen of both Towns—Mr Lovewell said twas Contrary to Law for both Towns to vote together; and Desir'd the Inhabitance of Dunstable to seperate themselves from the Inhabitance of Holles, (Only such as had real Estate in the Town of Dunstable) and bring in their votes for a Moderator; upon which one of the Select men for the Town of Holles, refusd Complying with, and beg'd there might be no seperation between said Towns in their Voting, and Desir'd the People of both Towns to go on peacebly and According to the Precept, which was directed as much to Holles, as Dunstable, which Mr Lovewell publickly refus'd, by ordering the Inhabitance of Dunstable to seperate themselves from the Inhabitance of Holles, and to bring in their votes for a Moderator; upon which the Selectmen of Dunstable and Holles, spake Audibly to the People of both Towns, to bring in their votes together, for a Moderator according to the Precept, &c, and the votes being brot in there was one hundred and two for Deacon Worcester, and there was sixty five for Jona Lovewell Esqr upon which Esqr Lovewell Immediately declar'd, that the Town of Dunstable had made choice of himself for a Moderator; upon which the Select Men of Dunstable and Holles, as aforesaid, Declar'd the Inhabitance of Dunstable and Holles, had chosen Deacon Worcester for a Moderator for this meeting, by a great Majority, then Esqr Lovewell orders the men of Dunstable to bring in their votes for a Representative; Mr Worcester Moderator, Insisted that it was his right to order as a Moderator, requested the Precept of Mr Lovewell, which mr Lovewell Publickly refus'd to let him have or see; upon which Mr Worcester (having one of the Notifications) said, Pursuant to the Notification founded upon the Precept &c to the Inhabitance of the Town of Dunstable and Holles, to bring in their votes for a Representative, the votes being brot in, there was One hundred and two for Doctor Hale, and there was sixty three for Mr Lovewell; which Mr Lovewell Immediately declar'd the Town of Dunstable had Chosen himself for their Representative Mr Worcester declar'd, pursuant to the Notification, founded upon the precept to Dunstable and Holles, they had made Choice of

Doctor John Hale, to represent said Towns in Gen^{ll} Assembly &c—

Francis Worcester Moderator for said meeting

Province of New Hamp^{r}—Dunstable Jany ye 19th 1762

We the Subscribers, Testify the within is the proceedings of the meeting held this Instant

David Hobart Selectman for Dunstable
Sam^{ll} Cumings } Selectmen
Benj^{a} Abbett } for Holles
John Boynton
Abel Webster

[7-107] [*Petition relative to the foregoing, 1762.*]

To the Genl Assembly of the Province of New Hamp^{r} Now Holden at Portsmouth in s^{d} Province—

The Petition of the Freeholders of Dunstable in said Province Humbly Sheweth that on the 19th Day of January Instant the freeholders of the Town of Dunstable in s^{d} Province met in s^{d} Dunstable to Elect a Representative and more than fifty Freeholders of s^{d} Town of Dunstable who had a real Estate in the same of fifty pounds value Chose Jonathan Lovewell Esqr for their Representative which choice was made by a Great majority of those present which had a real Estate in s^{d} town of Dunstable of s^{d} value. Tho after Reading the Law about the Quallification of voters in s^{d} meeting we ware much Disturbed by the Select men of Holles and a Great number of people that Joined them from Holles monson and Pepperel who set up a meeting without Joining with the Selectmen of Dunstable to Qualify the meeting accoring to Law, and in their pretended meeting Declared that Doct^{r} John Hale was chose a Representative for Dunstable and Holles but among them that voted for said Hale we Cant find ten persons that had any real Estate in said Dunstable so that the choice of s^{d} Hale was not made by a majority of the Freeholders of the Town of Dunstable where the meeting was held but the choice of s^{d} Lovewell was, we therefore pray that the Choice of s^{d} Hale may be Declared Null because against a positive Law which says no person shall have the Liberty of voting in the choice of Representatives other than such who has a real Estate of the value of fifty pounds within the Town Parish or Precinct where such Election shall be and we Desire that the choice of s^{d} Lovewell may be confirmed and accepted because agreeable to Law Except any fault in the writ and if that should be the case that a new

Writ may be sent to the s[d] Town of Dunstable from the assembly for a New choice without being Joined with any that cant agreeable to Law vote with us—

We pray that the point may be Determined and Settled so that we may know whither we shall practice according to the positive Laws of the Province or not

We pray that we may be Defended in our Lawfull Rights and previledges as a free people under the English Goverment and not Stript of them by any power or Number whatsoever we dont desire to act against the Kings Prerogative, but pray that we may not Loose our Previlidge as a people and we as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

Dunstable January the 20th 1762

Zacheues Lovewell	Joseph French	Elazar fisk
Jonathan Combs	Sam[ll] Roby	David adams
Thomas Heall	Joseph Eayrs	Reuben Rousel
John Alld	John Searles	Winkall Wright
Joseph Whiting	Samuel Searls	Noah Johnson
Benja Taylor	Ebenez[r] Cumings	Josiah Butterfield
John Lovewell	Benjamin Smith	Ebenezer Harris
oliver woods	Cornelus Danly	Ebenezer Harris iuner
Jeremiah Blanchard	Thomas Blanchard	James Harwood Jun
John Blanchard	Thomas Blanchard Jun	John Snow
Thomas Lund	pelatiah whittemor Jun	Tho[s] Butterfield
Jonathan Lund	John Fletcher	John Butterfild
Tho Harwood	John Wright	Charles Butterfield
William Harris	Nathanel Severnce	william mcluer
Jeremiah Colburn	Daniel Pike	John Phelps
Ephr[m] Butterfield	Peter Honey	Isaac Powers
Reuben Colburn	Jacob Taylor	John Honey
William Lund	Salvenus whitney	Henry Spalding
William Cox	David Gilson	Jonnathen Parker
Edward Cox	James Sawyer	Jos Senter
Oliver Farwell		
Daniel Searles		

[7–108] [*Notice of Meeting, 1762.*]

Province of New Hamp[r]

Notice is here by Given to the Freeholders of the Towns of Dunstable and Holles in said Province, that are Quallified by Law to Elect Representatives, that they meet at the Dwelling-house of Coll[o] Zacheus Lovewell Innholder in said Dunstable, on Tusday the nineteenth day of January Currant, at one oclock in the afternoon; and being meet, to Elect one Person

Quallified by Law to Represent the said Towns in Generall Assembly.

Dunstable January ye 4th 1762—

Jon^{a} Lovewell } Select^{n} of
David Hobart } Dunstable

Saml Cumings }
John Hale } Select^{n} of Holles
Abel Webster }

Province of New Hamp^{r}—Holles January the 19th 1762.

Wee have Notified the quallie^{d} voters in the Town of Holles to meet at time and place, as Expre^{d} in the within notification, by posting this Notification at the meeting House in s^{d} Holles, according to the usuall practice of s^{d} Town.

Saml Cumings } Select men
John Hale } of Holles
Abel Webster }

Province of New Hamp^{r}—

In persuance of a writ or precept, Directed to the selectmen of the Towns of Dunstable and Holles, in said provinc Directing that the said Select men, Cause the freeholders Qualify'd by Law, to Elect Representatives to meet at some convenient place in said Dunstable; and in Obedience thereunto we the Subscribers, being the selectmen have caused, the Freeholders of said Town to be duly notify'd to meet at the house of Coll^{o} Zaccheus Lovewell Innholder in Dunstable, and met and chose Mr John Hale Physician, of Holles, to represent the said Towns in Gen^{ll} Assembly; Furthermore, the Constable of Dunstable, has notify'd said Hale to appear at time and place, according to our Directions

David Hobart Selectmen of Dunstable

Sam^{ll} Cumings }
Benjn Abbott } Selectmen of Holles
Abel Webster }

Dunstable Janury the 19th 1762

[7-109] [*Votes relative to "One Pine Hill" matters.*]

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dunstable Regularley Assembled on the 27th Day of Novr 1758, Continued by Ajournment to ye 18th Day of Decemb^{r} then next following

Extract from the Votes of ye said Meeting

Then it Was Proposed that Whereas the Inhabitants of Pine-Hill are Uneasey with their Paying to the Ministers Rate When the Meeting house stands so far from the Center and they having Requested that they may be set to Holles Proposed by way of Settlement with them to make them Easey that the Meeting house be Mov^d to the Center of Land in this Town Voted in the Affirmative

The said Meeting was Continued by Ajournment to the 29th Day of January 1759

Prop^s That Whereas on the 18th of Decemb^r Last the Inhabitance of this Town Voted that the Meeting house be Mov^d to the Center of Land in this Town hoping that in so Doing the Inhabitance of Pine-Hill would be Content and Joyn in Settling a Minister, But Finding that they nither Come to hear one Sermon with us nor Appear Content. It is Therefore now Propos^d that the said Vote be Reconsider^d and Voted in the Affirmative—

Then it was Propos^d That in Case this Town dos Proceed to Settle Mr Cotton or any other Gentleman in the Work of the Ministry and the Inhabitants of Pine-Hill Doth Consent and Joyn therein That then the said Inhabitants of Pine Hill shall Annually have their full part of the Preaching In proportion to their taxes for the same in any Place in said Dunstable where They Shall Agree to have it Voted in the Affirmative

A True Entry of the Votes Recorded by Jonathan Lund Town Clerk

A True Coppy from Dunstable Records

Attest Jonathan Lund Town Clerk

Dunstable February ye 4th 1763

[See Hollis papers, ante.—ED.]

[7-110] [*Relative to the formation of Counties, 1769.*]

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esq Capt General Governor Commander &c of the Province of new Hampshire To the Honorable his Majestys Council & Assembly of said Province

We Inhabitants of Dunstable in said province Beg leave to Return your Excellency & Honors Thanks for the Prudence and Wisdom you have exhibted in forming the Lines of the middle County, so agreeable to Nature: we are of Opinion that the thing is done to the best advantage and pray that there may

not be even one Town Annexed to this County as We think it will give Birth to a great Deal of Confusion

We as in Duty bound will ever pray—

Dated 10th of April 1769

Zacchus Lovewell	John wright Junr	Nicholas youngman
Jonathan Lund	Daniel Pike	Jo^{s} Whiting
Thomas Harwood	Ephraim Adams	Joseph french Junier
Silas Adams	Henry Adams	Jon^{a} Powers Ju^{r}
Willm Hunt	Samuel Searles	William Hastings
Thomas Butterfield	Winkall Wright	Thomas Killecut
William Robey	Thomas Lund Ju^{r}	John Alld
William Lund	John Searles	Medad Combs
Jonathan Emerson	Benjamin Smith	John Coxton
Daniel Searls	Jonathan Lund Ju^{r}	Ebenezer Harris
Nathan Cutler	Amos Eastman	juner
Reuben ——	Thomas Lund	Abel butterfeld
Thomas Cillecut	William Walker	Jonathan Butterfield
William Dandely	Elnathan Sherwin	James Harw'd
thomas Blanchard iu	Oliver woods	John Snow
Thomas Blanchard	Benja Taylor	John Butterfield
John fletcher	Jon^{a} Lovewell Ju^{r}	
John wright	Daniel Warner	

[7-111] [*Relative to Bridge over Nashua River, 1773.*]

Province of Newhampshire

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esq captain general governour and commander in chief &^{ca} &^{ca} and to the honourable his majestys councill & house of representatives for said province.

The petition of William Nevins agent for & in behalf of the town of Holles in said province most humbly sheweth that Nashua river for the length of about two miles from the line of the province of the Massachusetts bay north ward is the boundary between Holles & Dunstable but comprehended in neither. And that the country road crosses the said river within that space. That a bridge was formerly built there by private property which is decayed. And there is a necessity of a new bridge being built for the safety and convenience of his majestys subjects. But the same not being within the bounds of any town there is no method to compell the building & repairing thereof without the interposition of this honourable court. Wherefore your petitioner prays that an act may be passed to oblige the said Towns of Holles & Dunstable to build & repair said bridge

at their joynt cost, and your petitioner in the behalf aforesaid shall ever pray &ca

William Nevens

January 25th 1773.

[7-112] [*Petition for Authority to elect a Representative, 1783.*]

State of New-Hampshire

To the hon^ble^ the Council & Gentlemen of the hon^ble^ house of Representatives of said state in General assembly Convend at Concord Dece^r^ 1783.—

Humbly apply the Subscribers, Legal Voters of twenty one Years of age & upwards paying for them selves a poll tax in Dunstable in said state.

That the new Constitution or form of Government for this State provides that every Town Parish or Place intitled to Town priviledges having one hundred & fifty rateable polls of twenty one Years of age & upwards may Elect one Representative.—and such Towns Parishes or Places as have less than one hundred & fifty rateable polls shall be Classed by the General Assembly for the purpose of Chusing a Representative.—and whenever any Town Parish or Place intitled to Town Priviledges shall not have one hundred & fifty rateable polls & be so Situated as to render the Classing thereof very inconvenient the General assembly may upon Application of a Majority of Voters in such Town Parish or Place issue a Writ for their Electing & sending a Representative to the Gener^l^ Court.— That the Subscribers conceive that they fall within the last Discription not being one hundred & fifty rateable polls & being so Situated as to render the Classing thereof very inconvenient.

That they are ready to Contribute to the Support of Government, and are willing to have a Voice in raising the agregate sum.—

Wherefore they pray that in the New Arangement for the next assembly a precept may issue to the said Town of Dunstable for Electing & Sending a Representative under Such Regulations as Other Towns in the same Predicament.—

Thomas Howard	Jon^a^ Lovewell	Jon^a^ Lovewell Ju^r^
Daniel woods	Benoni Jewell	Jon^a^ Butterfield
Benj^a^ Whitney	Benjamin Jewell	Sam^ll^ Roby
Noah Lovewell	Peter Honey	Thomus Roby
Benj^a^ Smith	Pamiter Honey	Ebenr Harris
Henry Adams	Zacch^a^ Alexander	Ebenezer Harris Ju^r^
Samuel Searles	Jon^a^ Powers	Thomas Clark

Benja Taylor	Joseph Heail	Allan Stewart
Benj^{a} Tayler Junr	Oliver Blodget	Noah Lund
John Snow	John Butterfield	David Alld
John Snow Junr	Charles Butterfield	John Alld
John Sarles	John Lund	
Jo^{s} Whiting	Jonathan Harris	

[A second petition contains the following :—Ed.]

Willm Hunt	John Fletcher	Jacob Adams
Jeremiah Hunt	Daniel Pike	Asa more
John Manning	Thomas Blanchard ju^{r}	Thomas Lund Junr
Eleazer Fisk		OLiver Woods
Benj^{a} French	William Harris	Winkall Wright
Theodore French	Simeon Stevens	Ebenezer Woods
Ezekiel Gardner	Daniel Lund	Nathan Cutler
John Queen	John Wright	Levi Lund
Patrick Landagal	Zebedee Wright	Oliver Wright
John Fletcher Junr	John Wright jun^{r}	Phinehas Whitney
Thomas Killecut	Ephraim adams	Thomas Lund
Medad Combs	William Honey	Joel Lund
Benajah Webster	Henry Hale	Robt Fletcher

[7-114] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Pursuant to an order of the General Court for taking the Exact number of Male polls in each Towns paying for themselves a poll tax in order to Apportion the Representation to the Next Assembly.—We the Subscribers have taken an exact list of the Male polls in Dunstable of twenty one years of age & upwards liable to pay for themselves a poll tax which amounts to one hundred & Nineteen

Dunstable Decr 1783.—

Noah Lovewell
John Lund } Select men
Joel Lund

[R. 3-1] [*Lieut. Jona. Emerson's Petition, 1779.*]

To the Honorable Council & House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire Conveened at Exeter June 1779

Humbly sheweth Jonathan Emerson of Dunstable in said State—that he was a Lieutenant in the first Battalion of the Troops raised in this State, for the defence of the United States

of America—that in the Battle near Saratoga on the 19th Day of September 1777, he was wounded by a Musket Ball from the Enemy, which went through his Arm, & through his Body, which caused him great pain & much distress—by means whereof he is rendered unfit & incapable to serve in the Army —or to Labour at home—Wherefore he humbly prays, that the Honorable Court would take his case into consideration, & grant him such Relief, as to your Honors shall seem fit, & your Petitioner, as in Duty Bound prays

Dunstable June 21st 1779—

Jona Emerson

[*Dr. Hale's Certificate.*]

I Certify that Leut. Jonathan Emerson of Colo Cillies Regmt was Wounded at the Battel with the Enemy near Saratoga of the Ninteenth of Septemb 1777 and I think he is not Fit to Serve as an officer in the Cause of the United States by Reason of the Wounds he Recevd at that time, an would Recomend him to the Favour of the Honorabel General Cort of the State of New Hampshier

I am your Humbl Servt

John Hale Surgeon
to Colo Cillies Regmt in Genl Poors Brigade

Holles April 5 1779

[He was allowed half pay until further orders.—Ed.]

NELSON.

The township was granted by the Masonian proprietors, and went by the name of Monadnock No. 6 until February 22, 1774, when it was incorporated and named Packersfield, in honor of Thomas Packer, of Portsmouth, one of the largest proprietors.

In 1777 an attempt was made to have the name changed to Sullivan, which was unsuccessful.

By an act passed September 27, 1787, a portion of the north-west part of the town, about two miles square, was combined with portions of Keene, Gilsum, and Stoddard, and incorporated into the town of Sullivan.

The formation of the town of Roxbury, December 9, 1812, took off the south-west corner of this town, and a portion of Keene and Marlborough.

The name of the town was changed to Nelson, October 1, 1814, in accordance with a vote of the legislature in June previous.

The boundary line between this town and Roxbury was changed June 15, 1820, a small tract of land being severed from the former and annexed to the latter town.

June 25, 1835, the farm of Ebenezer Tarbox was severed from Stoddard, and annexed to Nelson.

Breed Batchelder, a tory during the Revolutionary war, and Dr. Nathaniel Breed, commenced settling the town in 1767–8.

[7–249] [*Petition for an Incorporation of the Town, 1773.*]

Province of New Hampshire

To his Excellency John wentworth Esqr Captain General-Govoner and Commander in Chief in and over Said Province and the Honourable his majestys Council for Said Province

Humbly Shewes Breed Batcheller of monadnock Number Six in the County of Cheshire and Province afore Said Gentleman, as agent for the Proprietors of Said monadnock, that the Said Proprietors & the Public Labour under many Disadvantages for want of the Said Proprietors being Incorperated into a Town, & Invested with Town Priviledges The Proprietors of Said monadnock this year are ordered to pay a Certain Sum, to wards the Province Tax, which Cannot be assessed upon the Inhabitants of Said monadnock for want of Town officers to assess the Same

your Petitioner Conceives that an Incorporation of Said monadnock, would Greatly Encourage and faceletate the Settlement, & tend to the Good order thereof.—

Wherefore he in there behalf, prays your Excellency & Honours, would incorporate Said Proprietors into a Town by the Name of Packersfield and invest them with Town Privilidges, and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound will Ever pray

November 1th 1773—

Breed Batcheller agent

[The town was incorporated by the governor and council, and named Packersfield, February 22, 1774.—Ed.]

[7-250] [*Petition for Change of the Name of the Town, 1777.*]

State of New-Hampshire

To the Honourable Council & House of Representitives in General Court assembled.

the Petition of the Inhabitants of Packersfield Humbly Sheweth Whereas your petitioners are by Charter obliged to hold their annual Meeting in august which is a busy time of the year we desire your honours would order our annual meeting for the future to be in March. also that the Name of our town may be altered to the Name of SULIVAN—Likewise as our town is Liable to be Divided at the Governours pleasure we pray that we May not be Divided without the Consent of the Major part of the town—

and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray

Packerfield December 22nd 1777

Nathll Breed in the Name and behalf of the town

[The H. of Rep. granted leave to "bring in a bill," but it was finally ordered "to lay for consideration."—ED.]

[7-252] [*George Brintnall's order to march, 1778.*]

mr george Brintnall Sir

you are hearby ordered to march immedately to the Honl Committee of Safty or muster master genral at Exeter there to Receive your Billiten and Expence money as one Engaged in the Continental Servise for nine months according to the orders I Recievd from Col Enoch Hale

Packerfield may ye 5th 1778

James Bancroft Capt

[7-251] [*Relative to Taxes, Town Records, etc., 1778.*]

To the Honorable the Counsil and assembly of the Estate of Newhamshire—

We the Subscribers Select Men of the Town of Packerfield in the Countie of Cheshire Humbly Request Your Honours that You Would be Pleased to Grant them Some farther Time for Paying in the State tax for the Reasons following Viz—

first because We Receivd the act for Making the tax but

about a Week Past & the Time is too Short to Sell the Lands Seacondly because Maj^r Breed Batchellor who is Proprietors Clerk has absconded and Joyned the Enemy (tho we have Searched) we cannot find the Plan or Records of the Proprietors Rights or the Publick Lotts therefore as the Greater Part of the Township is Owned by Persons Living Out of Town and Unknown to us We Cannot Make the Rates according to Law Without a Plan of the Town We Shall Endeavour to Git One from the Lord Proprietors Records—

Likewise We Would Request Your Honours to aquaint Us Whether the Late adition to an Act Entitled an act to assess Real and Personal Estates Viz all Other Real Estate Either Lands or Buildings Not Included in the first act is Likewise to be Rated in all Other Town and Parish Rates as Apprehend Was the Intent of the act but by a Clause in the act Seems Doubtful to Some what was Intended and Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

Packerfield Feby 9th 1778

John Brown } Select Men of
Amos Skinner } Packerfield

[7-253] [*Relative to Estate of Thomas Packer, etc., 1780.*]

To The Honourable Council and House of Representatives, of the State of New Hampshire, In general Court Assembled. May it please your Honors.

The Petition of the Select Men of the Town of Packerfield humbly Sheweth.—Whereas the last general Assembly of this State was pleased to pass an Act, to Suspend the payment of the Taxes of the Lands of mr Thomas Packer, until the Dispute with respect to the last Will And Testament of his late Father, Thomas Packer Esqr, is determined Which Act or Order of the said general Assembly involves the Town in much Difficulty. as by this Means We are prevented Settling with the Treasurer of this State, And receiving the Money ordered by Law to be paid by Sd Treasurer for the Beef which this Town has provided And Sent to the Army. Therefore Your Petitioners humbly pray That your Honors would be pleased, to pass an Act or Order, That the Sd Suspended Tax, Should Answer So much with the Sd Treasurer, that the Town may draw their Proportion of Money for the Beef which the Town has provided. And your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

Packerfield Decem^r 30th 1780.

William Barker } Select Men of the
John Brown } town of Packerfield

[7-254] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Pursuant to A Vote of the General assembly of the State of New Hampshire Directed to us we Return Ninety Male poles paying a pole tax for them Selves within the Town of Packerfield

Packerfield November 10th 1783—

To the General assembly of the State of New : Hampshire—

Samuel Griffin } Select
Consider Osgood } men

[7-257 [*Relative to a division of the Town for the formation of Sullivan, 1786.*]

To the Honourable the Senate and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire in General Court Conveanᵈ At Portsmouth December A. D. 1786

The petition in behalf of the Town of Packersfeild Humbly Sheweth that your petitioners have ben Servᵈ With a Copy of a petition and order of Court thereon signed by a number of the Inhabitants of the Towns of Gilsom Stoddard & keen Seting forth in Sᵈ petition that the Situation of a number of the Inhabitants of the Towns aforesaid Togather with Part of the inhabitants of the Town of Packerfeild is such that they Cannot be accomedated with Privileges Equal to the other Inhabi tants of their respective Towns, one Part of which Ascertion your Petitioners absolutely Deny Because there is not one Inhabitant on the Land in packersfeild Praid for in Said Petition—

Althoug at a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Packerfield in the month of March A. D. 1784 There was a Petition Signᵈ by a Number of the Inhabitants of the Towns of Gilsom Stoddard and Keen Preferd in Said meeting praying that the Town of Packerfeild would Vote off a Certain part of Packerfeild to be Erected into a Town Sᵈ part to Contain Two Miles East and west and Two miles and a half North and South which would Contain one Eighth Part of Said Packerfeild and from the reasons offered at that Time and through inadvertency of the People the prayer of Said Petition was granted upon Conditions that all the respective Towns Concernᵈ ware mutually agreed thereto (Sence Which Period) not supposing that the petitioners referd to would obtain their request before the general Assembly) have proceeded to agree upon a Center for Erecting a meeting House and have made provision for the Same therefore if the Prayer to the Inhabitants of the town of

Gilsom and others Preferd to the General Court Should be Granted it will be a means of removing the Present Center and frustrate our Design in Building a House for Public Worship and thro the Town into the uttermost Confusion imaginable and as we look upon your Honours as Guardians of the State your Petitioners flatter themselves that your honours in your known Wisdom Will not Erect a New Town on the ruins of older ones: therefore your Petitioners pray that the prayer of the petition referd to may not be granted

As in Duty Bound Shall ever pray

Solomon Wardwell } Select men of
Solomon Ingalls } the town of
Pelatiah Day } Packerfeild

Packersfeild Decem^r 1st 1786

[The north-west part of the town was severed, and with portions of Gilsum and Keene incorporated into the town of Sullivan.]

[7-259] [*Petition of Ruth Batcheller, concerning her Husband's confiscated Estate, 1789.*]

State of New-Hampshire.—

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives In general Court assembled.—

May it please your Honors. The Petition of Ruth Batchellor of Packersfield, humbly sheweth. That your Petitioner is the Widow relict of Breed Batchellor Esqr late of S^d Packersfield—Deceased. Who in the Time of the Controversy with Britain, was dissatisfied with the Measures the States Adopted, in order to obtain their Liberties, and delivering themselves from the hands of the Britons, And therefore Left his Wife, Children & Estate, and went to the British Army. Upon which the whole of his Estate, real & personal was Confiscated. And your Petitioner with her Children, was left in distressing Circumstances, her Children being then Small, And unable to earn their Living, tho your Petitioner, by the Indulgence of the honorable Judge of Probates, has been for some Years past, indulged with the Improvement of the Home Farm, which when mr Batchellor left it was new And ruff, the Fences made Chiefly of Timber, which now are mostly rotten And Decayed. And the Buildings are greatly decayed & impaired. By which our Habitations are rendered uncomfortable, And the profits of the Farm are greatly lessened and rendered insufficient to afford the Family, with all their Labour & Industry a Comfortable Support.

Therefore your Petitioner humbly Prays that your Honors would take into your serious Consideration the Case of a poor widow And a Number of Fatherless Children, and grant the said Home Farm to your Petitioner & her Children And to their Heirs forever. That they may be encouraged to repair the Buildings & Fences, by which the Farm may be rendered Capable of affording the Family a Support, And Your Petitioner as in Duty bound, shall ever pray.—

Packersfield June 2d, 1789.

Ruth Batcheller

[In H. of Rep., June 12, 1789, it was voted that Mrs. Batcheller have the use of the estate free of rent until the matter was finally settled.—Ed.]

[7-261] [*Certificate of Number of Ratable Polls, 1794.*]

This Certifies that their is in the Town of Packersfield one Hundred and forty two Male Poles of twenty one Years of age and upwards paying a pole tax for them-Selves—

Sam[l] Griffin } Select Men
Amos Child } of Packersfield

Packersfield June y[e] 2[d] 1794

This Certifies that at a legal Town Meeting held in the Town of Packersfield on the twenty eighth Day of April Last the Inhabitants Voted unanimously that the Selectmen of Said Town Petition the General Court at their next Session for leave to Send a Representative

Sam[l] Griffin T. Clerk

Packersfield June y[e] 2d 1794—

[7-262] [*Relative to Representative, 1794.*]

To His Excellency the Governer the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New-Hampshire to be Convened at Amherst on the first wednsday of June next—

Humbly Sheweth your Petitinors Inhabitants of the Town of Packersfield have for Some Years past been Classed with the Town of Dublin for Representation that Said Dublin have now Come of age and Send a Representative for them Selves by which means your Petitinors not having a Sufficient Number paying a pole Tax for them Selves are left Unrepresented—

Therefore Pray your Honors to take our Case into your wise Consideration and grant us releafe in the Premises Either by Classing or Granting us leave to Send a Representative by our Selves and your Petitinors as in Duty bound Shall ever pray &c—

Sam[l] Griffin } Select Men
Amos Child } of Packersfield

Packersfield June y[e] 2[d] 1794—

NEW BOSTON

The township was granted by the government of the Massachusetts bay, March 20, 1735, O. S., to John Simpson and others, who were soldiers, or heirs of soldiers, engaged in the Canada expedition of 1690.

An arrangement was made December 24, 1752, whereby the Masonian proprietors relinquished their claim on the territory, including a large tract in addition to the Massachusetts grant, which addition was incorporated with Francestown in 1772.

New Boston was incorporated with town privileges February 18, 1763, and Col. John Goffe, of Bedford, authorized to call the first meeting.

June 18, 1836, the farm of Isaac Parker, situated in the north-east corner, was severed from this town and annexed to Goffstown.

Some of the grantees and settlers were from Boston, Mass., and named this town in memory of their former home.

The men in the First N. H. Regt., in the Revolution, from this town were John Jordon, Thomas McNeil, Benjamin Stone, and a negro named Peter Brewer: the latter died in the service.

[R. 3-9] [*John Burns, Soldier, 1760.*]

The memorial of John Burn of a Plantation called New-Boston in the Province of New-Hampshire: Humbly Sheweth that I was an Inlisted Soldier in the Hampshire Regiment for the

last Campaign—viz in the year 1759, under the special command of Capt Nehemiah Lovewell. * * *

New Boston March ye 21st 1760.

John his X mark Burn

[He further stated that he was with the army at Ticonderoga and "Chenecdada," where he was taken sick. Lieut. Ebenezer Lyon, of Amherst, and John Harvell, of Litchfield, certified to being in the same regiment, and that the statement of Burns was true. He was allowed £7-10 sterling.—Ed.]

[7-116] [*House burned, 1756.*]

The deposition of James Hunter, of a place Called new Boston in the province of new hampshire who testifieth and saith that in the month of march 1756 my hous in new Boston aforsaid was by acedant Burned and all therin destroyed so that nothing was left that the flams Could Consume and in it was Consumed Eghteen pounds old tener of the bills of Cridet of this province which I had in the hous and as I am Informed the Court make all such good again and further saith not

James Hunter

[Sworn to before Robert Boyes, Justice of the Peace. He was allowed £4-10 "out of the money in the treasury to be burnt."—Ed.]

[7-117] [*Petition for an Incorporation, 1760.*]

To His Exelency Bening Wentwoth Govener in chief in and over his Majesties Province of New-Hampshire & To the Honourable His Majesties Councill

The Memorial of Thomas Cochran and others humbly Sheweth That Some Time before the War began about the Year forty Three a few famelies began to Settle upon a Tract of Land called New-Boston which Tract of Land was formerly Granted by the General Court of the Massechusets Bay to a party of Soldiers Belonging to the Canada Expedition formerly as a Reward in part for their good Service; which Tract of Land is Bounded Easterly upon Bedford and a Tract of Land called Goffs Town Notherly upon a Tract of Land called Hales Town Westerly upon a Slip of Land granted to said Proprie-

tors by the Purchasers of Masons Patent As also upon a Tract of Land formerly called Salem-Canada Latly Lindburrough Southerly upon a Tract of Land called Soughegan West The Contents of which is about Six Mild Square as will appear by the Plan. And altho' those few families that Settled before the War Commenced; Descerted the Settlements in the Time of the War, yet as Soon as the War concluded, immediately took possession and have made Considerable Improvement. Since which many More families have Settled upon the Same Tract of Land to the Number of Twenty families or upward—And as we are all of the Presbeterian Constetution, So we are Solicitous to Settle a Minister of our own Constetution, that we may quietly enjoy Christain Privileges. and we think an Incorporation tends greatly to promote the Same as well as to Advance the Settlement of the Town. and many other Advantages Consaquent upon it too Numerous to be incerted; So with the lowest Submission we beg leave to address your Excellency & Honours for a Charter of our Township according to the Contents above Specified and doubt not but that in your great Wisdom & Clemency will answer our reasonable Request. And So your Memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray

New-Boston Jun^{e} 16th 1760

thomas Cochran	Abraham Cochran	Will: McNeil
Nathanel Cochran	peter Cochran	John Blair
John McLaughlen	Hugh Blaeir	John macallester
Alexander McColom	Henry Ferson	James ferson
Daniel McMurphy	William Gray	Robert white
James Hunter	James Cochran	
thomas Willson	John Cochran	

[The plan referred to is very simple. The town was incorporated by the governor and council Feb. 18, 1763.—Ed.]

[7-119] [*Relative to Boundary Lines.*]

The deposition of James Ferson of full age testifieth and Saith. that he was one of the Chainmen in measuring New Boston along with m^{r} Sheepherd and we Gave no alowance for up hill nor down hill nor Swage of Chain nor fallen Logs nor Crook of Chain and further Saith not

Jams ferson

[Sworn before Robert Boyes, Justice of the Peace.]

[7-120] [*Relative to the Petition for an Incorporation, 1761.*]

To his Exelency Bening wintworth Esqr Governor and Comander in Chife in and over his maj^{t} province of new hampshire and to his maj^{ts} Ho^{rble} Counsel of said province.—

The humble petition of pairt of the Inhabetanc of that tract of Land Called new boston in the province of new hampshire most Humbly sheweth

that your Pettitioners are Informed that pairt of the Inhabetonce of this setelment hath petitioned your Exelance and Hon^{rs} to Incorprait pairt of this settelment shutting out pairt of our Inhabetance and Land in order to draw the mitting near themselves and to draw the mitting hous from other pairt of the Inhabetance and hath sent down the said petition without aquanting a grait pairt of the Inhabtance, and many that signed said petition understood that the whol of the Land and Inhabtance was in said petition

may it therfor pleas your Excelanc and Honers, not to seprat our settelment if it should pleas you to Incorprat our settelment but keep it together that so wee may be able to plant the Gospel among us and not for any party whatsoever to sepreat and brak us to peaces and your Petetitoners as in Duty bound shal Ever pray deatted at new boston this fourth day of feberuary 1761

Hugh Gregg	Will: McNeill	John Carson
James ferson	Henry Ferson	John Brown
Gewet his × mark Rowan	John Smith	tomes Brown
William Blair	Andrew Walker	Samuel Nickels
John his × mark Blair	thomas Smith	
	Samuel Smith	
	Willim Gray	

[7-121] [*Relative to locating a Meeting-House, 1765.*]

Province of New hampshire

To his Exelency Benin Wentworth Esqr Governor And Comander In Cheif In and over His Majesties Province of Newhampshier And to The Honourable His Majesties Council and house of Representatives In General Assembly Convend—

The Humble Pettition of the Propretors Freeholders And Inhabitants of the town of New boston In Said Province Most Humbly Sheweth—

That The Proprietors of the said Newboston At their Metting September The Fourteenth 1762 Chose three Men to Choice A Proper Place to Build A Meeting House Upon In Said town And upon the fourteenth Day of July 1763 the Said Men Mett At Newboston Aforesaid And After Some time Spent gave In their Judgment that A Place Upon the lot No 79 Near the South End of Said lot was A Proper Place to Build a Meeting House for Said town Which Judgment was And Is wrong For it Is only to Serve one Part of the town Not The whole Notwithstanding the government had InCorperated the whole of the town yet they Laid Aside Part of the town to the Amount of Six or Seven thousand Acres of As good Land As the other Part of the town And Allowed that No Priveledges of the Meeting house So that Some Part of the town will Bee Above five Miles from The meeting House And Did Not give the Rest that Remained A Just Center Paid No Regard to the Town As Incorperated By the Government But made A town As they thought fitt themselves which Judgment was Accepted At A Proprietors Meeting And A meeting House Raised Accordingly which will Brake the town to Pieces if Not quickly Remedyed And Greatly Hinder the Gosples Seteling there And So Prove fatal to the Peace of the town Therefore wee Pray Your Exelency And Honours To Take our Distresed Case Into Consideration And Grant Such Relief to Your Petitioners As Your Exelency And Honours As You In your Great wisdom Shall think Proper And your Petisioners As In Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

Newboston November the 6th 1765

Will: McNeill	James Gregg	Reuben Smith
Hugh Gregg	James Gregg Junior	Robert Boyes
John Blair	Henery ferson	Andrew Walkar
James Ferson	William Clark	Robt Clark
John Smith	Jesse Cristy	William White
Samuel Smith	Thomas Brown	William white Junior
William Blair	John Livingstone	Joseph Boyes
william Boyes	John Brown	
Paul Ferson	Robert Hogg	

[The foregoing petition was dismissed.—Ed.]

[7-122] [*Relative to Ministerial Lot, 1768.*]

At A Leagal meeting of the freeholders of the Town of Newboston held by Ajournment On the third day of December 1767

Voted that the Lott N° 61, Drawed in said Town for the first Ordained Minister of the Gospell that Shall be Settled in S^d Town, be Exchanged for the Lott N° 53 that was Drawed for the Benefit of the School in Said Town & that S^d Lott N° 53 be for s^d minister & that S^d Lott N° 61 be for Said School for to Continue for Ever hearafter

Newboston March 1st 1768

A Coppy Attest p^r William Clark Town Clerk

[7-123[[*Relative to the formation of Counties, 1769.*]

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esq. Captain, General, Governor, and Commander, in Chief, in and Over his Majesty's, Province of New Hampshire, &c, the Honourable his Majesty's Council, and House of Representatives, in General Assembly Convened—

The Petition of the subscribers. Inhabitants in New-Boston in said Province, Most Humbly sheweth—That your Petitioners are informed, that the Province is About to be Divided into Countys, for the ease and benefit of the Inhabitants, in General, in transacting their business of a Public nature, and being also informed that the General Assembly have Voted a small County to be set off, Extending from the westerly line of Peterborough, to the easterly line of Litchfield, thinly Inhabited, and not Capable to Receive many more, and we Humbly Offer our Opinion, that the Necesary Expence of said County will Over Balance the advantages, and the profits, of the Publick Offices, be so trifling, that, no Gent^n Equal to said Offices will undertake—

Therefor your Petitioners pray, the Towns of Bow, Chester, Londonderry, Pelham, Plasto, salem, Hamstead, and sandown, which Conveniently situated, may be Annexed to said County, and your Petitioners, as in Duty Bound will ever pray &c.

April, 3^d, AD 1769.

Daniel m^c^millan	Willm Clark	John Smith
Will: M^c^Neill	Thomas Cochran	Davied Wilson
James Ferson	John Burns	Willm Dickey
Thomas Willson	James Cochran	John Blair
John M^c^millan	George Cristy	Willm Blair
Hendry Ferson	John Cochran	Robert Livingston
John M^c^allester	Peter Cochran	Willm Livingston
samuel nichols	John m^c^millan Junr	Robert Livingston Jur
Paul Ferson	William Kelcy	
James Ferson Jur	Willm M^c^neil Jur	Alex^r Gregg Ju^r

Abraham Cochran	Ananias m^{c}allaster	John Gregg
James Hunter	Daniel m^{c}Allaster	Nenian Clark
Solomon Moor vDm	Robert Patterson	Willm Boyes
James Caldwell	Robert Boyd	Samuel Smith
Robert white	Thos m^{c}Colom	John Livingston
Natheniel Cochran	James Gregg	Thomas Cochran Jur
David Henderson	John mclaughlan	Josiah Hitching
John Cochran Junr	John mclaughlan Ju^{r}	Josiah Warren
James Cochran Junr	Reuben Smith	Thomas Warren

[7-124] [*Petition for the Incorporation of a new Town*, 1771.]

Province of New Hampshire

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Capt General and Governor in Chief in and Over his Majesteys Provence of New Hampshire And to the Honorable his Majestys Council and House of Representatives and General Court Assembled—

The Petition of us the Subscribers Humbly sheweth that Whereas the Township of New Boston in said Province of New Hampshire and County of Hills Borrough Lawing in Shuch A form And Manner that it Very Much Discomodes the Settlers More Especialy those in the New Addition of said Township the Meeting House in the Town being in the Center of the Old Town Cutts of the New Addition from Any Convenient Communication, with the Old Town And Where as there are a Number of Men Settled and About to Settle On that Part of the Society Land Called the Wallingsfords Right and Others, who are far Distant from Aney Town Preveledges with Respect to the Gospell or with Respect to Roads as there are two Roads through said Land One Leading from Amherst to hills Borrough And the Other to Petters Borrough by which the Inhabeters of said towns Are Sufferers and as the Inhabeters of the Society Land is Onder No Town Goverment, We your Petitioners Humbly Desire Your Excelency and Honnors to form that part of New Boston Called the New Addition and part of the Society Land Into a Township Agreeable to the Plan herewith Exebeted Or Larger if Your Excelency, and Honours thinks Proper Not Exceeding Six Miles Square Or Equal thereto your Excelency and Honours Complyance herewith Will Very Much Serve the Interest of your Petisioners More Especialy the Settlers within the Lemits of said Plan and Not Disserve Any One and Your Humble Petisioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

New Boston July the 22^{d} 1771—

Thos Brown	Willm Sterret	John Hall
Thos Quigley	Willm Dickey	Daniel Hall
Samll Nickles	Willm Lee	Saml Hall
Samll Nutt	Willm McMaster	Alexr Parker
David Lewis	Willm Quigley	Isaac Butterfield
Nathan fisher	Willm Butterfield	Saml Marten
John Brown	Saml Butterfield	Mosses Lewes
John Dickey	Robt Hopkin	Henery Mcferson
Addam Dickey	Daniel Bigsby	John Hopkens
Isaac Lewis	James Hopkens	Robt Alexander
John Quigley	Willm Holms	John Carson
James Dickey	Olever Holmes	Robt Wier
Arron Lewis	Zachariah White	Saml fisher

[The portion of this town called New Boston Addition and a portion of Society Land were combined and incorporated into the town of Francestown, June 8, 1772.—Ed.]

[7-125] [*Statement from the Committees of Safety of New Boston, Weare, and Francestown, 1775.*]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress, Council of War or Committee of Safety sitting at Exeter in and for the Province of New Hampshire. Gentlemen—

We the Subscribers being Committees of Safety for our respective Towns think it our indispensable Duty to remonstrate to You Gentln as the Guardians of our Province the malancholly and unhappy Scituation of our County by Reason of a Number of Disorderly Persons who laying aside all Reason and Rules prescribed by You Gentlem and the Wisdom of the Continent, have set them-selves as it were in Battle Array against all Order; and pursue with hasty steps the very Road to Confusion and Effusion of Blood therefore from such unnatural Behaviour fearing the worst of Consequences if not speedily prevented and conscious that we have done every thing in our Power hitherto within our proper spheres of Action to prevent a Consequence so horrible in its Nature and so utterly subversive of Peace and Unity and seeing the dreadful Eve of domestick War now blackening over our Heads we now avail our-selves of the last Effort in applying to You Gentln in whom this Province has reposed so much Confidence, humbly beseeching You in your great Wisdom to point out Some more effectual Method than has heretofore been taken, that all Persons who have been fairly and impartially examined and Justly and honourably acquitted of the odious Names Tories and

Enemies to their Country may rest in Peace for the future and have an Opportunity by their future good Behavior to prove to the World what Malice itself must acknowledge and applaud and unless some such Method be Speedily taken (in our opinions) our County will soon discover that Committees of Safety are but Empty Names and the last Distress of Nations our only Asylum and Place of Resort If the Above Remonstrances should appear to you Gentl^{n} Reasonable and worthy of Notice Your Compliance therewith will conferr very great obligations on Gent^{n} Your most obed^{t} h^{be} Serv^{ts}

New Boston July 18 1775

Charls mellen John Dickey James Fisher William m^{c}master Thos McLaughlen	Committee of Safety for Frances Town
James m^{c}Farson William moor Daniel m^{c}allester	Committee for New Boston
William Dustan Timothy worthly Ebenezer Bayley Sam Philbrick	Committee for Weare

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[7-126] [*Concerning Dr. Jonathan Gove, 1777.*]

State of New Hampshire—Hillsborough ss

To the Honble the Council and house of Representatives for the state aforesaid—

The Petition of us the Subscribers humbly sheweth that whereas Dr Jonathan Gove of Newboston of the State and County afores^{d} is Now and for better than three Months last past has been a Prisoner Closely Confined by your Honors we understand for being inimical to the American Cause and for Contriving and Plotting the Distruction of this and the other united States and assisting the Enemies thereof. We beg leave to assure Your Honors that we have had an intimate acquaintance with him the s^{d} Dr Gove for years before the Commencement of this unhappy and unnatural War, and what his thoughts have been Respecting the same we Humbly submit to God alone the only Searcher of Hearts and tryer of the Reigns of the Children of Men, but as to his Conduct he has been above his full Proportion in every Respect towards Maintaining and supporting both the civil and Military Goverment

of this State and that the Town is Now Considerably indebted to him for what he has paid over and above his Proportion for the support and maintainance of the Present War, we wish Not to Clear the Guilty, or to bernish Crimes but beg leave to say that we do not nor ever did Conceive of him as A Dangerous Man to the state but (quite the Contrary) A good generous and Peaceable subject of Society, and faithful and succesful in his Imployment as A Physician verey tender of all Commited to his Care the want of whose assistance we verey tenderly feal in times of Sickness having scarcely anywhere else to go for Releif, Not having A Physician that we Can Depend upon within twenty Miles of us and knowing No Evil of him and being intimately aquainted with him beg Leave to intreat of your Honours that he may be liberated, and be Relieved from the Pains of Imprisonment and Restored to his Distressed Family and Friends again we fully Conclude that your Honours have No Persanal knowledge of him and that your Opinions must be founded upon the Evidence of others and we Can Conceive of No persons so likely to Evidence for or against him with Justice and truth as those who have had a long and intimate Acquaintance with him we have great Reason to belive that his Present Misfortunes have Reather arisen from Prejudice than from any good his accusers wish to do to the State or united States we only wish him Justice and Can't but think he has been wrongfully accused and Much injured. We fully Rely on your Honors Humanity and Desire of Doing Justice according to your Evidence and are fully persuaded that your Honors wish Not to punish the Innocent any More than to Clear the Guilty and that Your Honors Judgment will be swayed by that Evidence which is of the best kind, and humbly Conceave that no Persons Can be better acquainted with the General tenor of any Mans Conduct than those who have had a long and familiar acquaintance with him therefore we beg leave to Repeat that we do and Ever have Considered Him as a good Generous and Peaceable Member of Society, and that his behaviour has been such as Can and ought to be Justified Therefore we your Petitioners Earnestly pray that he May again have his Liberty and that he may be again a Benefit to and Receive benefit from Society in general and those of his Friends and Family more particularly and we your Petitioners as in Duty bound will Ever Pray

New Boston August 25th 1777

James m^c^Ferson	Gorge Cristey	Alexander Patterson
Robart Willson	Jesse Cristey	John Cochran
James Willson	David Stinson	Thomas Karr Jur
John Willson	Thomas Cochran	James m^c^Ferson

John M^e^Intosh	Allan Moore	Paul m^e^Ferson
Samuel Petterson	Peter Cochran	John Gordan
Robert white	William moor	Robert Patterson
Andrew white	William Campbell	N^n^ Clark
Daniel m^e^Allester	John Donovan	Tobias Butler
William Kelso	Barnebes Meginis	David Gregg
Reuben Smith	Alexander Kelso	

[R. 3-12] [*John Hunter, wounded at Bunker Hill.*]

To the Honble Council and House of Representatives for the Colony of New Hamp^r^—

Humbly shews John Hunter of New Boston in said Colony that your Petitioner was so unhappy on the thirteenth Day of January Last in the Evening—as to drop his Pocket book at his fathers door which he found the Next morning in which was to the Amount of fifteen Dollars and an half which was so tore by the swine at ye door as to Render it Quite unservicable which was all the money he was then possess'd of and which was his waiges he had Receiv'd for his pay as a Soldier in the Colony service, in Col^o^ Starks Regiment in which service he was wounded in the Battle at Bunkers Hill—Wherefore your Petitioner prays your honors wou'd be pleased to order the treasurer to Exchange his torn bills or Grant him Relief in any way Your Honors shall think Proper, and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray &^c^

his
John X hunter
mark

June ye 7th 1776—

test—Saml Gilman jr—

[His claim was allowed.—Ed.]

[R. 3-14] [*Rhode Island Soldiers, 1778.*]

New Boston October ye 7 AD 1779

Acording to the Orders Received From Coll. Daniel Moor Dated August 5th 1778 directed to Capt William Boyes in said New Boston Wherein order was Given to the Select Men of said town to pay ten Pounds Lawful Money to Each man that would go to Rhodisaland as a Volenteer Soldier as a Bounty and that it Should Be alowed to the town as part of our State tax and we the Select men of said town has payed ten Pounds Lawful money to Each man that went to Rhodisland whose

Names folows Viz Capt William Boyes, Robert Petterson, Robert Waugh, Josiah Hichings, Archibald McAlester, John McAlester, Eliphlet Duston, James Willson, Samuel Caldwell Ruben Gregg, John McMillin Jur, Elisha Dodge, William Waugh, James McFerson, John Cochran, James Waugh Reuben Smith, John McMillan, Robert Willson William Livingston.

P. S. Said money we Received From Alexander Willson Constable for the year 1778

Robert Campbell
Robert Patterson } Select Men
Nehemiah Dodge

[R. 3-15] [*Robertson and McMillan, wounded at Bunker Hill.*]

[Petition of Peter Robertson and Archibald McMillan addressed to the General Assembly.]

Humbly Shews

That your Petitioners were both wounded at the Battle of Bunker hill, and in Consideration of that Miss fortune a former assembly of this State granted the Pention of 20/ per month each which was then some help in Suporting their Familys, but by the great Depreciation which the paper Circulation has Suffered it has now become of but Little Service—.

Your Petitioners therefore most Humbly pray that your Honers will take their Case into your benevolent Consideration and Augment their allowances so as in some measure to relieve them in their Pressing necessitys—and Your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray—

Peter Robertson
Archabarl mcmelin

Dated at Amherst March 1t 1780—

Ordered to lay

[R. 3-16] [*Jonathan Margery, wounded at Saratoga.*]

[Petition of Jonathan Margery addressed to the Council and House of Representatives.]

Sheweth—

That at the commencement of the War, he voluntarily enlisted into the service of the State, in the Regiment commanded by Coll Starks, and afterwards in that commanded by Coll Hale; in which he served untill the 25th day of July 1777;

when in an Action near Saratoga he received a Ball in his Hip, which has not yet been extracted: That his enlistment was during the War, and he being unable to perform duty in a marching Regiment, he returned home, since which, by order of the Honorable Committee of Safety, he has done duty, as an Invalid, at Port Washington, Piscatiqua-Harbour; during all of which time, he has been an obedient, diligent and faithfull Soldier.

That he has a small Farm in New-Boston in this State partly improved, on which he could make a comfortable living for himself, and his Family, should the honorable Court be pleased to grant him a discharge from the Service; his pay as a Soldier, has been so small, and not received for so many months past, that his Family has suffered greatly; That his House, and small improvements on his little place, are all going to ruin, for want of his care and Labour; and his destitute Family in a short time must become a much greater burden, and expence to the community then his poor services as an Invalid-Soldier can possibely repay.

He therefore most humbly and earnestly intreats your Honors to take his Case into consideration and grant him a discharge from the Service; and your humble Petitioner as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

Jonathan margerrey

Fort Washington Decr 31st 1781

[R. 3-17] [*Relative to Johnston Smith, 1782.*]

This is to Certifey to all to Whom it May Consarn that Johnston Smith formerly a Soldier Belonging to Newboston being for Sum time Desserted is now Given him self up and Returning to his Duttey Sined by us

James willson
James Caldwell } Select Men
Jesse Cristey

Newboston, June the 1st 1782

[R. 3-18, 19.]

[Samuel Boyd stated that he was in the service of this state from New Boston; that when he left the service there was £22 his due, which had been drawn by one Robert Jones, on a forged order. The amount was allowed him.—Ed.]

[7-127] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

New Boston Decr 2 AD 1783

Agreable to the Desire of the General Court we have taken the Number of Polls Above twenty one years of age and it is as folows Viz one hundred and fifty two Certifyed by us

James Caldwell
Josiah Warren } Select men
Jesse Cristy

[7-128] [*Concerning Dr. Gove and Silas Hedges, 1786.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To the hon^ble the General Court for said State humbly shew

That whereas Dr Jon^a Gove of New-Boston was convicted of passing Counterfiet Money knowing the same to be such (on or about the Month of Octr 177S) and was then Sentenced to pay a heavy Fine—cost of Court and suffer Imprisonment &c which Sentence was duly executed, altho' we fully believe that that Conviction could never have happened had it not been for the Testimony of one Silas Hedges a most atrocious villian who (we reasonably suppose) to escape deserved Justice himself was induced by perjury and falsehood to saddle another with that Disgrace and punishment which he himself had most amply merited, we beg Leave to say that had his Character then been fully known his Evidence could not have had the least weight either with Court or Jury, and as the Constitution of this State expresly declares that every person has a Right to have Recourse to the Laws for Injuries that he has suffered—and said Gove has petitioned the General-Court for a rehearing upon that Conviction or upon his proving the perjury of the Evidence upon which He was convicted that his Sentence may be reversed and made void—We humbly conceive it to be a most Reasonable Request, and earnestly wish that the prayer thereof may be granted, for We fully believe that excepting the Matter of that Conviction—his Character ever has been and still is good—and that in his practice (which by no Means has been small) he has ever dealt faithfully and impartially always endeavoring as much as in Him Lay to afford Relief to Rich and poor Friend and foe without Distinction wherefore we earnestly pray that your honors would take his Case into your most serious Consideration and grant him his Request—and your petitioners Subjects of said State as in Duty bound will pray—

may 25 1786

Robert m^c^Calley
John Johnston
Moses Butterfield
Samuel Stickney
Amaziah Pollard
Thos Cochran
James Crombie
Robert Cochran
Samuel Stickney Ju^r^
And^w^ Jack
Jesse Cristy Junr
Samuel Towne
Josiah Abbott
John Cochran
John McLaughlen Junr
Saml Dodge
Archelaus Towne
will^m^ Betty
William Clark
Ninian Clark
Daniel Dane
David Stinson
James Ferson
Paul Ferson
James Ferson Ju^r^
John Jordan
Peter Cochran
Arthur Denis
William Camiel
John Gordon
Simon Dodge
David Goodell
Robert Willson
Abner Hogg
Ananias M^c^Allester
Daniel M^c^Alester J^r^
Joseph M^c^Allester
Samuel Bradford
Robt Campbell
Joseph Hasleton
Nathaniel Martin
John Davis
Josiah Warren
Allen moor
John Brown
Ninian Aiken
Jesse Cristy
Nathaniel Dodge
Josiah Hutchings Juner
Tobias Butler
James Adams
Nathaniel Bootman
Thomas Smith
James Smith
Joseph Cochran
William Hogg
John Hogg
John Livingston
William White
Robt Clark
John Clark
John Burns
James Willson Ju^r^
Noah Dodge
Daniel m^c^Allester
John M^c^Allester Ju^r^
John M^c^Allester
Elisha Dodge
Elisha Dodge Junr
George Cristy
Robt White
Robert White Jur
Wm Kelso
Alex^r^ Kelso
Wm Livingston
Alexander M^c^Collom
Willm White Ju^r^
Thomas Cristy
Samul Willson
John Kenedy
James Karr
Daniel Kelso
Joseph M^c^Kenzie
David M^c^Laughlen
John Lyndsay
David Caldwell
Saml Betton
Isaac Peabody
Th^s^ Willson
Robert Willson Jur
Alex^r^ Willson
Alex^r^ Willson Jur
Thos Willson Jur
James willson
Saml Brown
Oliver Shipple
Elias Dickey
Willm Blair
John Hammett
Peter Clark Ju^r^
Nathl Clark
John Smith

[Many other papers relating to this case may be found in "Miscellaneous File, 1786," in secretary of state's office.——ED.]

[7-129] [*Instructions to Representative, 1787.*]

To Doct^r^ Jon^s^ Gove—

Sir The Town of Newboston having placed great Confidence in your Abilities and Integrity (by a full and generous

Vote) have done you the honor to elect you their Representative for the ensuing year; and viewing the present a very dark and difficult Day, have also thought fit (through us) to give you some general Instructions, to regulate your Conduct; so far as the Oath which will be required of you; or the good Reasons which you now possess; or hereafter may have or obtain, (relative to any Matters which in General-Court may come before you) shall permit. We know Sir! that if you attend your Duty as you ought, your Task must be hard & difficult: Wherefore in the Name and Behalf of the Town, we most earnestly enjoin it upon you (in the first place) to pay a devout and religious attention to the Constitution, and Laws of this State; & also to the Confederation of the United States; and manfully oppose every Measure which shall not be consonant thereto; well knowing that if the General-Court are inattentive to—& Disregard their own Laws—the People will most certainly treat them with Neglect, & Contempt. You cannot be ignorant that the good of the People, ought to be your great Aim: And so far as you discharge your Duty in that Respect, you will merit the fullest Approbation of this Town—and all good Men. We do not pretend, to give you Directions in Matters, where it is impossible for us to know the Reasons, which may be given for, or against them; but most chearfully submit them to your own Judgment, & Discretion; But beg Leave to Caution you against exercising a party Spirit in any of your Conduct: But that you ever keep in view the Good of the Whole, in which the happiness of Individuals must necessarily Consist, But as it will be a Duty incumbent on you, (in a more particular Manner) to attend closely to the Business of this State, and the welfare and happiness of it; we intreat you to strive to promote peace and Unanimity in the General-Court; as that will greatly strengthen the hands of Government—give Courage and Contentment to its Virtuous Citizens, whilst the flagitious and abandon'd shall thereby meet with every Discouragement, and be forced to their Duty; or depart from among us. In the next place, we most earnestly enjoin it upon you, to endeavor to ease the Burdens of the people, so far as you can consistent with Justice & Equity, not loading them with unnecessary Taxes, & thereby drive them to a State of Desparation; nor intermeddle with any Disputes, which neither Justice, our Constitution nor the Confederation either warrant; or require. We further instruct you to use your Influence that our waste Lands may be appropriated to the payment of our Debts, in the cheapest & most expeditious manner possible, so as to encourage & facilitate the settlement of them; & in all things endeavor to promote peace & Unanimity, which are generally

attended with happiness & prosperity: Whilst Division & Dischord tend to Destruction.

And it is our Desire, that the Tender Act may be continued with this alteration, that Creditor shall either by himself, or Attorney make a Demand of Monies due, or property, previous to his commencing his Suit, or in any Stage, thereof, accept the tender of the Same; or his Neglect, shall be a Bar to all cost, which may arise thereon.

And also that a justice of the peace may have full power, to try any civil Action up to ten pounds; & that all appeals from s^d^ Justice may be entered up at the Superior Court, & also that all Actions upwards of ten pounds, may be entered first at the superior Court, and that the general sessions of the peace may not be permitted to set in the County of Hillsborough more than twice in one year—

and lastly that the Officers of Government may Conform to the Circumstances of the People (respecting Salaries) & not load them with Burdens exceeding their Abilities.

And now Sir—Sincerely wishing you Wisdom to desern; & uprightness to conduct; in the important Station in which this Town have placed you beg Leave to subscribe our-selves your most obed^t^ H^be^ Serv^ts^

Newboston March 25th 1787—

James Caldwell
Solomon Dodge
John Cochran
Joseph Towne
} Committee for Instructions

In Town Meeting March 26th 1787—The above Instructions being laid before The Town for their Consideration (by their Committee) were unanimously approved of & accepted

attest Jon^a^ Gove Town Clerk

[7-130] [*Relative to Boundary Line between this Town and Goffstown, 1788.*]

Dunbarton June ye 9: 1788—

S^rs^ I was Desired by the member of Court for Goffston to inform the Hono^bl^ Committee Chosen to Examin the Report mad by me and Esqr Campall Relative to the Settlement of the Line between Goffston and New-boston—which Report maj^r^ Goffe strongly opposed in the house Last Satter Day—we as a Committee took Grat Paines to Sarch all Papers Examine the Lins and Sitwation of the affaire—and found it imposable for us to make a Strat Line from the north west Corner of Bedford

to the northeast Corner of Newboston (which is a white oak tree) without taking away mens Buildings and a Grat Deal of work in improvements don by said towns—then by Examining ower orders from Court,—which is as foloweth;—a Committee to Preambelate assertain and Establish a Line between said Goffston and newboston to Run a new Line Strat, it appeared to us to be Grat Disadvantage to boath town then Exam^d the old Line and the Bounds standing on s^d old Line: which was made near forty years ago by Boath towns; we Judged the most safe way to hurt no mans Property to Establish it—and by advising with the Selectmen of boath town who ware present through the whole affaire who was all agreed—that wee should Establish said Lines as Reported to your hono^rs as for majer Goffe we did not see him nor his son who Lived near whare we was at work the whole time and very well Knew of ower Business—if Goffston or Newboston ware so Careliss—as to Let these old bounds and Line stand untill now—when thare was a mistake in Goffs Lot we Could not account for that—if a Strat Line is made Boath towns unavoidbly must be flung in to a Law Sute—

Gentleman I should have wated on you and Gave my Reason Personaly had it ben in my Power—as Amharst Court sets this weak I must attend thare;

Gentlemen your most humble Sarv^t

Jeremiah Page.

P. S: I was Desired by the member of Goffston to wright to your honor Consarning the above afaire

J Page

[See page 45, ante.—Ed.]

[7-133] [*Report of Committee on Town Lines, 1788.*]

State of New Hampshire Hillsboro: ss

We the Subscribers a Committee appointed by the Authority of said State to Preambulate Ascertain and Establish a line between the Towns of Goffstown and New Boston—

Pursuant to our appointment we have met and being attended by the Selectmen of each of the said Towns and having Examined the several Charters and after having obtained what light we Could into the Affair we have agreed to report and Do hereby report as follows (viz) that the line between the said Towns of Goffstown and New Boston begin at a Hemlock tree which is the North west Corner of the Town of Bedford from thence north three Deg^s West about three miles to a rock ma-

ple tree standing Eighteen rods from the South Bank of the South Branch of Piscatiquage River from thence westerly sixty one rods to a Beetch tree reputed to be the South west Corner of Whites farm so called said tree standing about nine rods South of the river before Mentioned from thence north about four Deg^{s} West about three Hundred & Sixty rods to a White oak tree which is reputed to be the Southeast Corner of the Town of Wear and the northeast Corner of the Town of New Boston which Preambulation Ascertaining & Establishing appears to be the most Just and Equitable in our Oppinion—all which is Humbly Submitted by—

Goffstown March 28th 1788

Jeremiah Page } Committee
Danl Campbell }

[7-131] [*Report of Committee on Town Lines, 1788.*]

State of New Hampshire

We Being Appointed a Commitee by the Hon^{le} General Court of said State to Perambulate assertain and Establish the line between Goffstown and New Boston, Not to Effect the Property of any Individual, Beg leave to Report that by Examing the Grants and Plans of said towns; We find their is a Strait line from the Southeast Corner of New Boston at Amharst line to the Northwest Corner of Goffstown which is the Southwest Corner of Dunbarton and for our satisfaction we began at the Southeast Corner of New Boston from thence we Run a line North about five Degrees West about two Miles to a hemlock tree which is the Northwest Corner of Bedford and the Southwest Corner of Goffstown from thence we Run a line the same Course four miles and one hundred and four Rods and Erected Monuments theiron to a White Oak tree which is Called the Northeast Corner of New-Boston and the Southeast Corner of Weare thence We Run the same Course about one mile and three Quarters to Goffstown Northwest Corner and Dunbarton Southwest Corner; and we find all four of said bounds standing in a Strait line as Nigh as Can be Expected; Wherefore it is our opinions that the aforesaid line between the said hemlock tree which is Goffstown Southwest Corner; and the aforesaid White oak tree which is Called New Boston Northeast Corner is the Right line between said Goffstown and New Boston; As to the said line Effecting the property of Individuals the lots that lyeth in both towns on Each Side of said line Contains about the Number of Acres in them that they are Called by Estimation without Crosing the said line; We further

Report their is a line that begines at the aforesaid hemlock and Runs North two Degrees West three miles and forty Rods and their Stops the End thereof is fifty four Rods East from the first Mentioned line on which New Boston and Goffstown lots appeared to be bounded as far as that Went which line would leave but about half a lot in Goffstown; and make New Boston lots as much longer then they are Called as it Does Goffstown lots Narrower; which line New Boston has Claimed to; and by that Reason their is Sum Individuals Claiming Under New Boston hes Done Work to the East of the first Mentioned line; (viz) one Joseph Leaches Dwelling house falls about one Rod East off the first mentioned line but his House Will Stand on his own land for he owns land in Goffstown Joyning to New Boston line against whare said house Stands as We Ware Informed; and their is Sum other persons that has Cut Down Sum trees to the East of said first mentioned line; it is our Judgment that those persons that has Done said labour off of their land should be paid for it by the Owners of the land; the bounds and line of said towns may more fully appear by the Plan herewith Annexed; the Selectmen of Each of said towns attended on said business, All which is humbly Submitted—

Jeremiah Page
Daniel Campbel } Committee
Aaron Greeley

December 13d 1788

[7-132]

[This document is the plan, referred to in the foregoing, of the line between Goffstown and New Boston.—Ed.]

[R. 3-21] [*Petition from Soldiers who were captured at the Cedars.*]

To the Honourable the Senat and House of Representatives to be Convend at Concord on the first wednesday of December

We the Subscribers once more looks up to our Political fathers and Guardiens for Redress—

we your loyal and Dutifull Sons Enlisted as Soldiers in Defence of our Country in the year 1776 and furnished our selves with warlike accouterments at a very Expencive Rate but the fortune of war turned against us we were Captivated at the Cedars so caled and sufered sevage Barbarity being Striped and plundered of Every thing and only Escaped with the Skin of our teeth, we have Repeatedly and humbly Petitioned our

Venarable fathers for Redress to which they lent a Deaf ear and Shut up the Bowels of Compation, now we once more Request you to open your ears to our Just Call shew Compation to your Dutifull Children by Compensating them in Some Measure for their loses they Sustained in the Defence of you and their Country let the words of the Greatest Lawgiver be your guide Do as you would be Done by that your Sons from hence forth may have Reason to Call you Blesed and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

New Boston Decr ye 1st AD 1795

James Caldwell
Robert Campbell
John McNeill
Josiah Warren

[Postponed till next session.—Ed.]

[R. 3-20] [*Soldier's Order, 1798.*]

New Boston November 25th 1798—

To the Treasurer of New Hampshire—

Please to pay to Robert B: Wilkins all the Depreciation due to me as a Sargent in the 3^{d} New Hampshire Regiment in the late Army of the United States, and his Receipt shall be your Discharge from me—

Abner Hogg

NEWBURY.

The township was granted by the Masonian proprietors, February, 1772, to John Fisher, of Portsmouth, and called Dantzick for some time, and afterwards Fishersfield, until it was changed to Newbury, July 4, 1837.

The town was incorporated Nov. 27, 1778, and annexed to Hillsborough county by the same act, previous to which it was partly in the county of Cheshire.

A portion of the town was taken off, and included in the territory incorporated into the town of Goshen in 1791.

Two tracts of land have been severed from this town and annexed to Bradford, one of which was Dec. 6, 1796, and the other June 22, 1859.

[7-236] [*Relative to Incorporating the Town, 1778.*]

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Assembly Convend May 20th 1778.

The Subscribers Inhabitants of the Township of Land Called Fishersfield in said State Humbly Shew to your Honors—That Having Seen a Petition to your hon^rs for a remission or Suspension of the State tax of said Township, and for an Incorporation of the same, and also that the same may be wholly Joined to & Laid within the County of Hillsborough, Your Petitioners are Greatly Surprized to see what arguments are bro't by the Signers of that Petition to Induce your hon^rs to Grant the prayer thereof, Namely That they Conceive your hon^rs have Unconstitutionally Taxed them &c and therefore pray that the same may be remitted or Suspended, untill Your hon^rs shall Incorporate them with Powers and Privileges to raise Taxes, lay out and repair highways &c—To which your hon^rs now Petitioners beg leave to say that altho' the Tax on said Township is Heavy Yet as the Greater part of the Lands belong to Nonresidents We are willing to pay our equal proportion with others, and think Your hon^rs have wisely provided a way to recover it without Incorporating said Township—and as to the Charge of Highways &c, we would say that in Case we should be Incorporated we fear the whole burthen of the highways will fall on the Inhabitants (being but about Twenty familys at most) and whilst Unincorporated we have Great hopes of help in that matter from the Nonresident Proprietors. We would further Suggest to Your hon^rs that several of the Persons named as Signers of the aforesaid Petition are not nor Ever were Inhabitants of said Township, & some who never Signed the same,—The said Township is new and poorly settled, and not Yet well furnished for all Necessary Town officers &c—

For all which reasons and many more that might be offer'd We humbly request and hope your hon^rs will Wisely Consider of these matters and Dismiss the aforesaid Petition or not Grant the prayer thereof, but Let the said Township remain Still UninCorporated untill Your hon^rs shall find us better able and Qualified to receive such Incorporation—

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray—&c

Fisherfield May 1778.

Jesse Baker	Ebenezer Towl	John Harvey Jun.
Biley Dudley	Jonas Hastings	George Emerson
Caleb Dodge	Benja Baker	Moses Sleeper
John Lain	John Harvey	
Thomas M^cwilliams	Enoch Harvey	

[The petition for incorporation is dated Feb. 3, 1778, and signed by

"Joseph Chandler,	William Emery Junr	George Hadly
Charles Emerson Junr	John Clark	Paul Towl
	James Muchmore	Samuel Gunnison Jr.
Eliphalet Chandler	William Emery	Nicholas Dodge."
Zeph Clark	Jonas Hastings	
Ephraim Bradbury	Oliver Emerson	

The town was incorporated Nov. 27, 1778.—Ed.]

[7-237] [*Committee to Petition for redress of Grievances.*]

This may Certify whome it May Concern that Joseph Chandler and Jonas hastens the Selectmen for fishersfield in the Year 1779 Were Chosen at A Leagal Meeting held at fishersfield on february the fifteenth AD 1781 to Petition the Council and House of Representatives Conveaned at Exeter for A Redress of Grievances in the Name and behalf of said town

Witness Paul Towl town Clerk

Dated at fishersfield this 19th Day of march 1781—

[7-239] [*Petition of afore-named Committee, 1782.*]

State of New Hampshire County of Hillsborough

To the Honourable Council and House of Representatives Convened at Concord—

May it please your Honours We your most humble Petitioners Hereby beg leave to Lay the Grievence of the Town of Fishersfield and the Cause thereof before your Honours for your Candid and Deliberate Consideration Therefore we your Petitioners who were Chosen and served as two of the Selectmen in said Town of Fishersfield for ye year 1779 which was the first year the Valuation was taken after our Incorporation, and being Unaquainted with the Method of Proceedure in such Capacity in New Settlements and with the advice of some whome we thought to have more knowledge in such Business then our selves we took the Valuation on all Lands in said Town on which Indean Corn Ry wheet or any other Nessacary produce Grew a Great part of which lands the Trees was only fell and the Land but Slightly Burnt over the Logs and Brush much of them being then on ye Grounds for which Reason we

now think that it would take more then four acres of such Land to make it Equel in Value for Produce with one Acre of old Improved tillage land and on y^t account of the Valuation being taken and given in order for our being Taxed in Proportion to our Intrests with other Towns in said State together with there being Several Polls taken and given in in said Valuation which did not properly Belong to said Fishersfield We Humbly beg Liberty to Inform your Honours that we now think that Notwithstanding the abatement of Part of our Taxes in ye year 1780 that we are still taxed full one third too high when Compaired with some other towns within our knowledge—

Wherefore We your Honours most Humble Petitioners in the name and behalf of ye Town of Fishersfield and by the Earnest Desire of our poor Inhabitants who Complain being on New Settlements and hardly able to Support their Families and much less able to pay their Respective Assessments most Humbly and Earnestly Pray that your Honours would take the matter of our Grevience under your Serious Candid and Deliberate Consideration and ease us so much of our taxes and such Number of Soldiers sent to for the Contenental Service as your Honours shall think Reasonable for the Reason above offered— And We your Honours most Humble Petitionors as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray—

Dated at Fishersfield March ye 8th 1782

Joseph Chandler
Jonas Hastings

[They had sent in a petition the previous year similar to this.—Ed.]

[7-244] [*Petition for Authority to Tax Non-Residents, 1789.*]

State of New Hampshire County of Hilsborough

To The Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in General Court Convened—

We the Subscribers Select Men for the Town of Fishersfield Humbly sheweth that it is really Nessary that the roads in said Town should be Made Passable for Public Use which is Much wanted for the Neighboring Towns to pass to and from the Seaports therefore we humbly pray that the Honorable Authority would be pleased to take the matter under concideration and if it should appear reasonable to Enact a Law impowring the Select Men to Tax all the Lands in the Town of Fishersfield One Penny Per Acre for three year to be worked out on

the Highways to repare and make Passable a Road in s^d^ Town for Public Use And we Shall as in Duty bound Ever Pray

Samuel Gunnison } Selectmen
Joseph Webster } for
David Webster } Fishersfield

N B we have Sent a Pertition Last year which Pertition Past in the House of Representatives but was Postponed in the Senate Untill June Session at which time the Pertition was not to be found

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[7-242] [*Remonstrance to foregoing.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Honorable the Senate and the Honorable house of Representatives in General court convened at Exeter

The memorial of John Peirce of Portsmouth Merchant, Humbly sheweth that in Feby 1772, John Fisher Esqr obtained a Grant from the Masonian Proprietors for the Township of Fishersfield, that your memorialist received said Fishers Deed for one half said Township—That the Settlement has been carried on at the joint expence of said Fisher & your Memorialist, That immediately after receiving said Grant they were call'd upon by the Government to clear the Province Road so Called through said Town, which was done accordingly, & these cost the said Fisher & your Memorialist £101, 10, 10 L M^y^ that other very considerable sums have been since laid out in repairing & making other Roads—That the whole of the good Land owned by said Fisher & your Memorialist on said Province Road, was laid out for Settlers, and actually given away, with almost the whole north west Quarter of the Town besides, and not less than One hundred Acres of the best Land the Settlers could pick, to any one,—That of the large number of inhabitants now in the Town a very small part of them, perhaps not more than five or Six, whose lots were not given for Settlement, and all of whom by agreement expressed or implyed were forever to support the proprietary Charges.

Your Memorialist would further shew that by their said Grant they were obliged to settle only twenty five Families—That they actually gave away Forty lots to settlers very soon after receiving their Grant, and have since given away lots to more than ten other Settlers—

Their only inducement to do so much more than their Charter required, was that the Charges of the Roads should not be burthensome to the Settlers.—Your memorialist is now sur-

prized at hearing a request from the inhabitants for a Tax by which they now intend to shift off the whole burthen of the Roads on your Memorialist,—and that one branch of the Legislature has actually, so far granted the prayer of a petition for that purpose as to permit a bill to be brought in, without the usual Notice in such unreasonable cases.—It is clearly seen that if the law requested should pass, that it must operate extreemly unequally—for of the Common Land now owned by your Memorialist, a very considerable part is Mountaneous & never can or will be cultivated, whereas Seven or eight thousand Acres in possession of the Settlers is picked Land, of the whole Town, and all very good, and is undoubtedly worth ten times the sum, the same Quantity of Land like the unsettled Lands in that Town, for which reason a Tax by the Acre would operate very unequally—Your Memorialist would further Suggest the possibility if not probability of great injustice in collecting such a Tax, for by puting it in the power of the Inhabitants to collect the Tax at will, by advancing the price of Labour above the Cash value, they may not only free their own Lands from the Tax but put money in their pockets—

For all which and many other good reasons Your memorialist most humbly request the Petition of the Select Men or Inhabitants of Fishersfield may be dismissed—and your Memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray.

Portsmouth Jany 26th 1789

John Peirce—

[7-233] [*Petition for the Incorporation of a New Town, 1791.*]

To the Honrable Senate and House of Representatives for the state of New Hampshire to be Convened at Concord on the first Wednesday of June Next—

We the Inhabitants of the Town of Fishersfield Humbly sheweth that the Southwest Corner of this Town Lying upon the west side of a great Mountain so that it is Imposible for it to be Commoded by the Center of this Town which is the Reason of its not being settled before now for they could not get from the Corner of said Town without going through part of Wendell to the north End of said Mountain and when travel'd five Miles they would be no nearer the Center than when first set out therefore we think it reasonable and Necesary that it should be Incorporated with the Corners of several other Towns agreeable to the prayer of a Number of petitioners who have petitioned for the same Provided it does not Include

Samuel Gunnison farm or otherwise as your Honours in your Wisdom seem meet and your petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray

Fisherfield May 20th 1791

Samuel atwood	James Gillinham Jur	John Harvey
Jacob stevens	Bond Little	John Harvey Ju
William Brown	Thoms Little	Jesse Baker
Ebenezer Marshal	Sam Little	Benga Baker Jun
Jonathan Marshall	Joseph Cross	Henry Achilles
William Cochran	Paul Towl	Benja Baker
James Vance	Ebenezer Towl	Nathan Baker
obadiah Hadley	Jesse Ainger	Jonas Hastings
Joseph Marshall	Joseph Webster	Benja Critchet
Joshua Maxfield	Abraham Wells	Jonathan Merrill
James Gillinham	David Farmer	William Emery
Benjamin Gilinham	Lemuel Harvey	Simion Stevens

[7-234] [*Vote of Town relative to foregoing, 1791.*]

Agreeable to a Vote of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fishersfield Held on the Eighteenth of October Last

Voted that the prayer of Wm Story and others be granted provided that they Leave out Sam Guninison and Wm Gunnison and their Lands Living on the Lots No 9 & 10 of the 100 acre Lots in sd Fishersfield

William Dodge Town Clark

Fishersfield Octr 18th 1791—

[A portion of the town was set off, combined with others, and incorporated into the town of Goshen, Dec. 27, 1791.—Ed.]

[7-245] [*Petition of sundry Inhabitants to be annexed to Bradford.*]

To the Honble Senate and House of Representatives to be Convened at Concord within and for the State of New Hampshire in November AD—1796—

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the South part of Fishersfield in the County of Hillsborough begs Leave to Represent to your Honours, that it is the Desire of said Inhabitants, that so much of sd Fishersfield be set off from sd Fishersfield & Anaxed to Bradford in said County as will make a Straight Line—Viz, Beginning at the Southwes Corner of the Town of

Sutton in said County, then Running to ye Southwest Corner of S^d Fishersfield; and Having Obtained a Vote of Both Towns, prays your Honours in your Goodness to Enact a Law for s^d purpose of Encorporating them with Bradford, and Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray.

Fishersfield Nov. 21st 1796—

John Hog Jr	Joshua Maxfield
Jonathan Marshall	Joshua Maxfield Junr
Joseph Marshall	Ebenezer Marshall
Obadiah Hadley	

[The foregoing was granted Dec. 6, 1796.—Ed.]

[7-246] [*Report relative to Town Lines, 1797.*]

State of New Hampshire

In the House of Representatives June 20th 1797—

The Committee on the Petitions from Wendal & fishersfield Respecting the Boundarys of Goshen Report that the lines and bounds of the said Goshen be as follows Beginning at a Stake and stons on fishersfield line about 160 rods north of Corys road so called from thence Streight to the northeast corner of lot number nine mentioned in Goshens act of incorporation then to proceed as said act directs untill it comes to the south East corner of said Goshen thence north untill it intersects fishersfield line thence on fisherfield line to the first bounds mentioned & that Goshen have leave to Bring in a bill to establish the line as above described

J Blanchard for the Committee

[The foregoing report was adopted, and leave granted.——Ed.]

[7-248] [*Relative to Town Lines, 1797.*]

To the Honourable Senate and House of Representatives of the state of New Hampshire to be Convened at Concord the first wednesday of June Current.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Fishersfield Humbly sheweth that whereas the Inhabitants of the Town of Goshen have Presented a Petition to the Honourable Court praying that

the first Mentioned bounds of said Goshen be Established Either at the North east Corner of Lot N° Nine without any Regard to the line of Fishersfield, or on said line of Fishersfield at the Place meant to be Discribed in the act of Incorporation without any Regard to lot N° Nine. Your Petitioners therefore Humbly Request your Honours Not to Establish the said Corner of Goshen on Fishersfield line which we Never Understood to be intended which may more fully appear by having Refference to their Petition for the Incorporation of said Goshen: Unless said Corner may be Established on Fishersfield line and thence follow the said Original line of Fishersfield to the Place where said line of Goshen Intersects said line of Fishersfield thence following the line of Goshen as Now stands which they tell us is all they wish to have: Otherwise it will Injure the Town of Fishersfield greatly by taking off a Number of the Inhabitants of Fishersfield with a considerable tract of land and cutting a Number of farms which may More fully appear by the general Plan of the state—

And we your Humble Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray

Fishersfield June y° 5th AD 1797

Samuel Gunnison
Phinehas Batchelder
Timothy Morse
} Selectmen in behalf of the Inhabitants of Fishersfield

NEW CASTLE.

This is one of the oldest towns in the state, and was formerly known by the name of Great Island. It was the seat of government for some years, and meetings of the governor and council were held here as late as 1718.

Previous to 1793 the inhabitants were assessed by the selectmen of Portsmouth, but being dissatisfied with the assessment made that year they appealed to the governor and council, who disapproved the assessment; and, in answer to a petition from the inhabitants of Great Island, severed them from the "Bank," and granted them a charter with town privileges by the name of New Castle, which name came from the Duke of New Castle.

The charter was granted by Governor John Usher and

his council, is dated May 30, 1693, and included some territory now belonging to the town of Rye. A settlement was made here as early as 1623 by one David Thompson, who soon after built a house on Odiorne's Point, which remained standing for many years, and was known as Mason's Hall.

An earthwork fort was built on Frost's Point at an early date. It was rebuilt in 1704–5 under the direction of Col. Wolfgang William Romer, one of the queen's engineers, who came over from England for that purpose, and was called "Fort William and Mary" for eighty years or more prior to the Revolution.

A fort was built on Jerry's Point in 1775. An ancient, crude plan showing its location, and also the locations of Forts Washington and Sullivan, is in manuscript, Vol. 7, p. 134, from which volume the following documents are copied.

In 1725 or '26 sundry persons belonging to New Castle, Sandy Beach, Portsmouth, and Hampton, petitioned the general assembly to be erected into a parish by themselves; and an act passed that body on the 30th of April, 1726, providing "that the great island in the Town of New Castle together with the Estates of Lieutenant John Sherburne George Wallis deceased, Tobias Lear John Odiorne Capt Henry Sherburne James Randall & John Leach be a distinct parish by their antiant Name of New Castle, and that all other parts of New Castle be another or second Parish by the Name of Rye;" and all the petitioners who lived in Portsmouth and Hampton were "Polled of to the said Parish of Rye" for ministerial and school purposes. From this I think that John Farmer must be in error in his statement that "Rye was incorporated in 1719."

By an act passed December 22, 1791, all that part of New Castle situated on the "south-west side of the River" was severed from the town, and "annexed to the Parish of Rye."

Ancient New Castle engaged quite extensively in the fishery business: modern New Castle is engaged somewhat in entertaining summer visitors, it being one of the pleasantest places on the Atlantic coast.

[7-136] [*Relative to settling a Minister, 1682.*]

To the hono[l] The President and Councell. now Sitting In Portsmouth 3 Day of May — — 1682

The humble Petition and Adress of the Inhabitants of the Great Island In Portsmouth—

May it please you. your petitioners haveing for a long Time layen under The heavie Burthen Laboriouse toile and hazardouse goeing to Meeting on the Lords-Day (as wee question not but your hono[red] Selves are very Sensible of it,) ffor help and reliefe wee have made our application To the Generall Court: who as wee conceive have grannted us the liberty to have a Minister among our selves: But the Providence of God ordering it So, that Before wee could accomplish Our desires The Government hath changed, And therefore thought it our duty before wee attempted any farther. To make your Honou[red] Selves acquainted therewith; Humbly begging your allowance and approbation therein That So wee may have an allowed and approved minister among us—Whether on the Joint accompt of the whole Toune, or on our owne which shall bee most adviseable. The Reason of the Necessity of haveing One wee have given In to the Generall Court of the Mattatusets fformerly: The Same now, and many more, Wee make Bould briefly to hint here:—

1. The great Profaning of the Lords Day By those that stay at home.

2. There beeing but very few, Scarce one third of the People of this Island y[t] Goe to meeting Abundance of Children liveing here that never heard a Sermon or knew what that means. So that by degrees they will soone grow heathenish If there be not a place of worship constituted among us here on this Island.

3. Our poor Servants, espetially those of an handycraft trade that expect to have Some ease on the Lords Day, Complaine of theyr great Labour and toile; rowing Sometimes against wind and tide, & that day which should bee kept holy, is by that means made a day of Greater pains then other week days.

4. The hazarding of our Selves and Servants and Childrens healths (if not lives;) And allso the Great Danger of our houses and goods subiect to ffire and Roberyes by our being absent and from the Great Island On the Lords day

5. His Mj[ties] ffortification here Lies to the mercy of an open and Secret enemy; Scarce One Suffitient man Staying at home for its Defense & safety These and many other weighty Reasons wee might propose which wee omit humblye Leaveing all to your Hono[rd] Selves and your Seriouse consideration.—

Wee have unanimousely made choice of m^{r} Nathaniell ffryer m^{r} Robert Elliot m^{r} George Jeffery and m^{r} John Hinks to present this our petition and enlarge upon it as occation Serves.

We whose names are under written, are by consent of ye Inhabitants of ye Gr^{t} Island appointed in all & every of their names to present ye within written Petition to ye Presid^{t} & Counsel; & receiv their Answer to ye same

Nathan ffryer
Robert Elliot
Geo: Jaffray
John Hinckes

Vera copia from ye Original Petition on file
Teste Ric^{d} Chamberlain Secr^{ie}

[Rev. Samuel Moody was settled here soon after.—Ed.]

[7-137]

The humble Petitition of Humphry Spensor to ye honored President & Council assembled at Portsm^{o} in ye Province of Newhampshire this third of Octob^{r} 1682—

Humbly craveth yor hono^{rs} favour Concerning a fine that was laid upon him ye last setting of ye Council at Portsm^{o} It was as yor humble Petition^{r} hath formerly endeavoured to show before in his humble Petition to you^{r} honors that ye mann^{r} of his living & urgencie of incomm^{rs} did run him as he humbly confesseth, illegally to sell drink wch he would as willingly have given if his state would have bore it, ye Temptation of that run him to do amiss, & doth humbly crave yor hono^{r} Pity & compassion to remitt w^{h} yor hono^{r} may of ye last fine imposed upon him, & doth promise to ye best of his pow^{r} to be more watchfull hereaft^{r} of committing any disorder If yor hono^{r} can find any room for favo^{r} herein shall still reackon it a farth^{r} obligation to pray for his majesties good Government in this place & yor hono^{rs} prosperity so Serving to yor hono^{r} favourable construction, humbly subscribe.

Yo^{r} humble Petition^{r}

Humphrey Spensor

[7-139] [*Petition for a Tavern License, 1682.*]

Great Island 22th February. 1682

To the Hono^{ed} Governo^{r} of The Province of New-Hampsheir—

The humble petition of Henry Russell Senr

Whereas by the providence of God your poor petitioner hath

Lived on this Island and haveing had a permition formerly to entertaine ffisher men and Seamen with Diet and Lodging at my house And being now well Stricken in yeares—My humble and earnest petition to yor Hono^r is That you would Favourably Graunt mee your License and leave To give accomodation to Strangers as fformerly with meat Beer and Lodging and I shall allwayes pray ffor your hono^rs prosperity and Government—

Henry Russell.

[7-140] [*Joseph Purmort for Tavern License.*]

To ye Honble the Precedent & the Councell of his Majestys province of New Hampsheire

The humble petition of Joseph Purmot inhabitant on ye great Island,

Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner having a wife and family of Children to maintaine and at the present all trading being very dead, humbly beggeth yor honors licence to keep a publiqe house of entertainement there being at present but one on ye great Island and that very inconvenient for strangers and travellours in theire journeying through the country

now your petitioner beggeth your honours favourable grant and he shall always pray for yor hono^rs

Joseph Pormort

[7-143] [*Statement and Petition of Joseph Purmort, 1783.*]

Apriell the 15th 1683

To the Honourable Deputy Govenouer And Honored Counsell Now Siting At Portsm^o Right Hono^r

Your Humbell petitionour seueth; that He Having formerly had (from the lat President And Counsell) A Licenc to kep A Hous of Entertain^mt Then here being none at this End of the Iland to Suply that plac Which occasioned our mor Diligence to provid our sellvs for that Imploym^t And for the purpos Hath fited my Hous Accordingly; and provided My Selfe With Lodgin and other nesesarys for that Imploym^t; By means of it I am mutch in Disburs; Your Poor Petitioner Humbly Prays that your Honours Would Pleas to take it in to your Consideration; and Grant him the same privelidg; he formerly had: of A Licen to sell Beare; and other Provisions; for the refreshing of strangers; and others: I should not have desired this of yor Honours But that trading is very dead; Espetially for those of

my Caling; and my charg of children great; and no other way to maintain them but, by my only laubour; I hop your Honours will be pleased to take it in to your Charitabell consideration; our former licenc proved to our Disadvantag by meanes of the short time wee followed That Imploym^t haveing sutch suden orders as wee had to desist from selling Bear &c have not in any measur Reimbursed our selves what have beene out of pockett; mutch less have we gott aney thing By it so Hopeing your Honours will grant this your Pettitioner A Licenc; and your Pore Petitioner shall Ever Pray for your Honours and subscrib my selfe

your Honours most Humbell servant

Joseph Purmort

[7-144] [*Remonstrance of Portsmouth Selectmen, 1682.*]

To the Hon^rabl The P^re^sedent and Counil now Setting in Portsm^o June the 6th, 1682

May it please yor Hon^rs

In Obedience to an order of Councill bearing Date the 2^d May, 1682 Wee Convend the Town, to agitate & Confer about the Settlment of a Minister Upon the great Island and have taken notice of the Petition p^rsented yor Hon^rs by Some of the Gent: men of S^d Island, who Call them-Selves p^rsons Unanimusly chossen by ye Inhabitants for that End. but Upon Agitation & Conference the Inhabitants of the other partes of the Town, Culd not See cause to Consent to the motion of those on great Island at p^rsent, for Sundrye Reasons.

1: The Gen^t of Great Island are equaly ingaged with us to the payment, of One Hundred pound per Annum to Moody During his continuance here, we then advancing, to the Utmost of our abillities, for the promoting of so Good a work, in Expectation of being Daily Eased by the Increasing of our Inhabitants and Estates, but providence of Late hath not So Smil^d Upon Us, as to admitt of any Addition to our rates, with out preiudice to our familes.

2: We think it very Unreasonable they Should be sollicitos for the setling a new, till all arrears are adiusted with the old Minist^r, which will not be readly Done, by reson of the great aversion of the inhabitants of the Island, to the payment of the rats now in the Constable hands as by S^d Constable Complaints Doth appeare, when that is Done, together with what, Concerns the Town, we Shall Studiously endevor the Accomidation of the Great Island, as far as may Consist wth the Peace and unety of the Town.

3: We are very fearfull Should this be admitted it would

tend to a great Divission in the Town, for Such like reasons may Greenland Sandy beach, &c: Desier the Same, and then how far we Shall be able, to Comply wth o^{r} Obligation to m^{r} Moody, and allow Maintainance to others in the Same Capacety, we Humbly Submitt to yor Hon^{rs} Judgm^{ts}

4: What the Gen^{t} of the Island Dessier is purely for their own, with out respect to the Towns convenience, but when the Intrest, of the Whole, and a part comes in Competition, we leave themselves to Judg which ought to be p^{r}fer'd.

How Ever we are not insensable of the Inconveniency attending the Inhabitants, of the Island, in Coming to meeting, intimated in theire petition; & we beg them to be So Charitable to beleive we Sympathise with them, (but to their Reasons we would Say one word)

1: Concerning the profaning of the Lords Day &c and (2^{ly}) —abundance liveing with out ever hearing a Sermon So as they will grow heathenish,

We Say, the Sabath will be profaned by Some whither neare or farther off, but one Good help here in will be for mast^{r}s of ffamilies, to teach, & Instruct those Under their care and government, as Christians ought to Doe, and this will be a means to remedy Heathenissim, and abate much of the profanity of the Sabath.

ffor the 3^{d} namely Servants Complaining of their Labour &^{c} & hazerding health if not lives, we would Say its imposable; all in these Scattering towns, Should live Equaly convenient, to the meeting-house, Sume must Undergoe, more then others,

But the meeting house was Sett where it is, principally for the Convenience of the Inhabitants of great Island, and we never heard, and hope never shall, of any lives Lost, in attemting to come to meeting, if at any time, there Should be any Danger of that, they well know mercy is to be preferd befor Sacrifise as to his Maj^{tis} fortification being Exposed to an enemie; Scarce one Sufficient man Staying at home &c.

Wee Humbly leave that to yor Hon^{r}s in time of wars or Danger to take Such care as in yor wisdome, Shall be thought meet, of which we presume they need not Dout.

These with other considerations, which we Culd offer, give —— Humbly of Opinion, that the motion of the Gent men of great Island is at this time very Unreasonable, and that we had rather Unite both in Church & Town, which if we Doe, Hope Sume waye may be found out in Due time, to gratifie the Gent^{n} of great Island with out Dissatisfaction to the rest of the Town.

Select men in behalfe of the rest of the Town { John ffletcher
Phi Disbrow iu
Samuel Keais

[7-147] [*Precept for the Election of an Assemblyman at Star Island, 1694.*]

Hampsh^{r} To the Constable of Star Island:

Pursuant to a writt from the Presid^{t} & Councile to me directed these are in their Majest^{e} Names to require you upon Receipt hereof to give publick Notice to the freeholders of your Island that thay Convein on Munday the 29th Inst: by 10 of the Clock in the forenoone of the Same day at the Usuall place of meeting freely & Indifferently to Elect & Choose one fitt & discreet man of the S^{d} Island (being a freeholder thereof) wth full & Sufficient power for himself & the Comunity of the s^{d} Island to be a Generall Assembly for the S^{d} Province to be held at New Castle on thirsday the first of 9 b^{r} Next Ensueing it being for their Majest^{e} Service: and to returne the Names of the person So chosen to me one day before the Sitting of s^{d} Assembly as you will answer the Contrary at your perrill: Gieven und^{r} my hand & seale at Portsm^{o} Octob^{r} 24th 1694: In the Sixth Year of their Majests Reigne

Richard Joses sherff

Star Island october the 29th 1694

According to the within Warrant, the ffree houlders of this Island Did meet and Chuse m^{r} John ffobes For assembelley Man with Suffecient power to offetiat in that (Station or) place

John Bradon

[7-148] [*Relative to Town Bounds.*]

To the Hon^{bl} John Usher Esqr his Majis^{ts} Lif^{t} Govern^{r} and Comander in Cheife in and Over the province of Newhampsheir, and to his Majis^{ts} Hon^{bl} Council now Sitting at New Castle

The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the Towne of New Castle most Humbly Sheweth that we Your Houn^{rs} most humble petitioners doe make bold to lay before You, that whereas Your Houn^{rs} hath bin pleased to grant us to be a Township Caled by the name of New Castle and we are yet Ignorant of our boundaries Southerly and westerly therby not Knowing the number of our Inhabitants by which Cause many may Escape their Assesm^{ts}

We Your most Humble petitioners most humbly pray that your Houn^{rs} would be pleased to give Order that our South boundaries may be apointed from the Creek on the South Side of the little Boares-head and from thence Westerly five miles or untill we meet with the line betweene portsm^{o} and New Castle

we being as Yet much Straightned for want of Comonage and your petitioners Shall Ever pray

Elias Stileman }
Francis Tucker } Selectmen
James Rendle }

[7-149] [*Precept for Election of Assemblymen, 1695.*]

New hampshire To the Constables of New Castle

By Virtue of a presept from the Honorable John Usher Esqr Ltt Governor and Comdr in Cheif of sd province & In his Majes^{ts} Name you are here by required and Comanded on wedensday next Ensueing at ten of ye Clock in ye forenoon to assemble all the ffree houlders of your Town att some useall Place of meeting then there to make Choice of Two suficient able men to Represent your Town in a Generall assembly to be held att New Castle one the fiveteenth of this Instant Being wensday next Ensueing att tow of the Clocke in the Afternoon, There to attend his Majes^{ts} Servis in the assembly and so De diem in diem, Dureing There Sestion Or Sestions and Make Return of the Persons Names so Chosen to me on weddensday Next by on of the Clocke in the after Noon wth this presept here of faile not at yor Perrill Dated New Castle in the province aforsd

May the 11th 1695

per Theo^{r} Attkinson sheriff

New Castle ye 15th May 1695

Then Att A Generall Town meeting of ye Freeholders According to the within precept were Chosen For Assembly men Elias Stileman and James Rendle

per Thomas Marchel Constble

[7-151] [*Summons to Assemblymen, 1698.*]

I have Summands Theoda Atkcason and william Seevy which are chouse last fridday at newcastell for a simbly men as witnes my hand

Henry Treuethan constabell

Newcastell De sembar the 27 : 1697

[7-152] [*Warrant for Militia Muster, 1697.*]

[Seal]

New Castell December ye 11th 1697

By vertue of A warant ffrom John Usher Esqr Lif^{t} Govr &c.

You are hereby Required in his Majsts Name fforthwith warne the Soldiers on the Great Island to appeare at his Majsts ffoart William and Mary at one of the Clock in the after noone Compleat in theire Armes there to attend theire dutey untill ffarther order Given under my hand and Seale

Shadrach Walton Capt

To Jacob Rendell Ensigne

[7-153] [*Return of Assemblymen, 1698.*]

Province of Newhampshire

Pursuant To A precept from The Sheriff of This province Dated ye 23d Dec: 1698 Directed To The Selectmen of New Castle To Sumon ye freeholders of The Sd Town To Choose and Depute one or more men As The Law Directs To Represent Sd Town In A General Court or Assembly To be held and kept Att New Castle on Thursday ye 5th Jany Next Ensueing

These may Certifie That Accordingly The freeholders were Sumoned on ye 30th Dec. And Accordingly Mett and Then Did Legally Choose and Elect James Randell and Theodore Attkinson To Represent Sd Town In Sd Assembly According To The precept Above mentioned And That Those Soe Chosen have been notified Thereof and Sumoned To Appear According to Sd precept by The Constable of This Town who hath Subscribed This Return As A Testimony thereof

Theodore Atkinson
John Foss } Select men
James Leach

Jacob Rendell Constable

[7-154] [*Col. Romer, relative to Fort William and Mary, 1704.*]

To the Honble Her Majts Councell of New Hampshe: In America

The Memoriall of Coll: Woolfgang Wm Romer Her Majestyes Cheife Engineer &c—

Whearas It hath pleased his Excellency Goverr Dudley to write mr Secretary Story A leter relateing to Her Majts ffort Wm & Mary—And the Reasons why It Is highly neccessary that for Her Majts Service and the Security of the Inhabitants of this province the Sd ffort Shuld be out of hand ffinished and that the Councell Shuld let me have all such men As I Shuld want, and

alsoe being Notifyed by m^r^ Secretary to be this Day wth the Honorable Councell, I thought It my Duety to Inform your Hon^rs^ that I am not In A Capacity by Indisposednes to Appear there to Tender this Memoriall to that Honble board

And as his Excellency mentioned in his leter of the 11th Ins^t^ that the ffrench fforces by Sea and land Are Designed to Invade this part of America and therefore urged In his leter to finish the ffort abovenamed forthwith out of hand And As winter Is Soe near At hand I hope this board will one And Other take into Serious Consideration; If I had had the Dispose of the Complement of laborers and Carpend^rs^ As I Demanded Eleven weeks Since I beleave the ffort by this time had been finished, and I Dobt not At all If Every body Imployed will Doe his Duety As I my Self Doe (without Jactance) have don with all the zeale Imaginable and A Slaveish Service, I Can Doe It Still and finish It In thirty laboring Days provided that his Excellencyes orders be Executed And that the board let me have thirty six laborers And twelve Carpenders that understand workmanship—and If m^r^ Westbrook Doth not Deceve me About Some small mater of Timber yet behind which he promised In his last Contract and that Capt Icabod plaisted Sends me 275 peices for Spiles which Is yet behind of his promiss to me Eleven months Agoe Likewise Capt Pickrin Is yet behind In his promis of Spiles some of Seven some Eight feet long; I have one thing more to Offer to this board which Is that his Excellencyes order may be put In Execu^con^ Which he made last time he was Att S^d^ ffort Concerning the laborers and work men In Generall, That they Shuld be Punished In Case they Did not perform there Duety And behaveed themselves Uncivilly Against me with five Dayes labor after there ten Dayes was out, soe that I may not be Exposed to such Rude and Unmanerly behavier As I Mett with this week—when I told one of them viz. Robert Smart of Exeter w^h^ was ordered on his not Doeing his Duety he answeared me, he would See Comon law for It first &c: I hope the board will Observe that I Dont live In this Meletary Execution of her Maj^te^ Service In building Her ffort Under the Comon law Which would be Altogeather Irronias and Contrary to the practice of urope & other parts of the world Which Is all what I have to offer Att present

New Castle ye 16 Sept 1704

Wolfgang Wm Romer

[7-155] [*Col. Romer's Memorial, 1705.*]

To the Honb^le^ Her Maj^ties^ Councill now Assembled at Portsmouth.—

May it please Yo^{r} Hon^{rs}

I find my selff oblidged to notefye to Yo^{r} Hon^{rs} that there is 6 or 7 weecks worck more to do at Her Maj^{ties} Fort will^{m} & Mary and that all materials in the major part are ready at hand there, for that finishing part, and whereas the Assembly, by their last Sessions, could not rayse anny supply of mony for that service, which is ye only obstackle that His Excell^{y} could not resolve on that head, I therefore by just raysons generously resolved in order to take that obstackle away of no mony in the Treasury to advance the mony necessary out of my one Estate.—

Now to promote this important affaire for ower Great Queens service & the Publick interesst, I therefore desire Yo^{r} Hon^{rs} that You will please to make an effectuall adres to His Excell^{y} that he may be pleased to order matters thus, that I may under a due protection finishe the Fort as aforesaid, and to consider that whereas there is no mony granted: sume worck halff finished, together with ye damage by the last violent storm & high water donne, will be of verry bad consequence, if not althogether in every respect prouve fatall; (which if should happen the fault can not be myn:) in cas it should not be finished at present & the damage as before hinted mended, which all I leave to Yo^{r} Hon^{rs} Serious considerations, and I shall alwais remain the Same as have been hittheronto

Yo^{r} Hon^{rs}

Most humble Servt

Wolfgang Wm Romer

Portsmout Jun ye 5 : 1705

[7-156] [*Supplies for Soldiers, 1705.*]

Newcastle July ye 26th 1705

This Is to sertifie whome it may Conserne that Mr Sam^{ll} penhollow Treasurer hath supplyed several labourers att Her Majestys fort W and Mary full allowance Victuals and Drinck one hundred and twenty six days.

Wittnes

G. Redknap Engener

[7-157] [*Relative to a Bridge, 1719.*]

Province New Hampshire

To His Excellency Sam^{ll} Shute Esqr Capt Genl & Govr in Cheife in & over his Maj^{ts} S^{d} Province & Vice admirall of the Same & to the Honble The Councill & house of Representatives Now Setting in Gen^{ll} Assembly—

The Memoriall of Sundry His Maj^{ties} Loyall & Good Subjects of ye town of New Castle Most Humbly Remonstrates

That Whereas the Governm^{t} in ye Reigne of our Late Soveraigne King Charles ye 2^{d} of Blessed Memory, Did Under the wise & good Conduct of Edward Cranfeild Esqr then Govr of S^{d} Province, order Erect & build a Bridge Over y^{t} branch of Pisc^{a} River Cal'd ye ferry or fording place of Little Harbour, and that for ye Gen^{ll} Good & Benifitt of all his Maj^{ts} Good Subjects, in Saving Six Miles travill at least, from Hampton to York & So further East, as also a Much better & Safe Road in time of Warr & also that His Maj^{ts} Fort on the Island May be Soon Releiv'd in Case of an Attack from forreign Enemies, as also to prevent that Common & frequent Practice of Wronging ye King of thee Revenues & P^{t} Duties Lay'd on Goods Imported Whereby his Maj^{ts} Governm^{t} Might (& ought) to be Supported, & that to Ease to all his Maj^{ts} Well Meaning Subjects in ye Province, the Which Bridge Did then prevent, (until the Providence of God did by a Very Great Storme &c break & Carry away S^{d} Bridge,) Since which his Maj^{ty} & all his Good & faire Dealing Subjects hath been Much Impeded & hurt in their Just Duty & trade by Unfair Dealers Stealing into that Creek to Defraud the King & ye Province of ye Duty & Impost, and for as much as our late Lt Govr & Comand^{r} in Cheif, Coll^{o} Usher, with the Consent of ye Councill, Did Incorporate the Inhabitants of G^{t} Island & Sandy beach into a town Cal'd New Castle, with Severall priveledges, as per Charter Inrold, whereby We are Oblig'd by Law to Repair all Bridges and high Waies within S^{d} Boundaries, of ye Charter & for as Much as ye Said Inhabitants found Upon Serch that they Ought to Repair or Rebuild S^{d} Bridge, they Did in March 1712 Raise Mony by Publick Subscription to Cary on So Good a Work, but finding ye People So poor y^{t} Could Not Accomplish S^{d} Work themselves, Whereupon Severall Worthy Gen^{t} of this & ye Neighbouring Province Subscrib'd their hands & Promised large Mony to help Carry on So Good A Work, & Accordingly ye Greatest part of ye timber, was Got & brought Nigh the place on Rafts, but was by Some Wicked & Unwarrantable hand Cutt Loose & turn'd a Drift, & we his Maj^{ts} Good Subj^{ts} & ye Country in Generall, Much hurt, & was then & hath been Ever Since threatned y^{t} if we went on, they would Cutt it Down Even in a Publick Manner & by force & Arms, Upon which we Remonstrated the Matter to our late Govr Coll^{o} Dudley, whose Act on the Matter we Now Lay before you, where you will See the first part, or Introduction to ye Petition, we have been Serv'd With, by S^{d} papers, proved to be false & quite the Reverse

2^{ly} As to the Query in S^{d} Petition, its Very Strange & odd

for Men to Query wheither a thing Can be Done that hath been Done, and then to Call that the Main river of Little Harbour, & to Say its Navigable Up to the Bridge its a Very Great Mistake, for that we Do wade Over frequently, & When the tide is up Swim our horses for want of a Bridge, the ferry Never being Kept as it Ought to be, & that because the Right thereof is Disputable, as May Appear if Need be, tho he who of Right it belongs to Does Relinquish it for ye Sake of S^d Bridge

and for as Much as your Querest there Sayes it's Not Justifiable Nor practi'ble to build a Bridge a Cross any Navigable River, (its plain its both) for that within our own town & Province, its Done, particularly at ye branch Cal'd Sevey's Creek, Stands, a tide Mill & a fast Dam, which Very Much Incommodes ye Inhabitants of New Castle from Bringing of their Wood from ye Common Land, but for further Illustration, there is fast Bridges over both branches of Hampton River which is More Navigable, & hurtfull to those people, because they have No Other Way Up to their Estates which these have, as also at Newberry Lyn & Mistick, & Sundry Others as Cape Anne Cambridge &c^a and for as Much as this Bridge at New Castle No Waies hinders Vessells Comming in to the S^d Little Harbour for Safety if Need be in a Storm.

And for answer to ye first Assertion, in S^d Petition, in Gen^ll terms, its a Mistake for first the ferry as afores^d is Not Setled on the Person whome they pretend for that it has been Kept (as they have Kept it) by another & that there Never Was a high Way Laid out through. that proprietors land Neither is that Casway fit for a horse to pass over,

2^ly as to the Inhabitants passing & repassing ferrage free on Publick Daies, its wrong, for that the town payes it & that ordered by a Publick Vote & tho it is p^d by ye town yet Sundry ye Inhabitants of New Castle On Sandy beach Side, are as they have Often pretended (& we beleave Some truth in) So Much put to Difficulty, to Come over, with themselves & their little ones that they Chuse Rather to Neglect the Publick Worship of God, than to Come Over to hear their own Minister, & Even Wholly Neglect ye Ordinances App^d for themselves & Children, Unless Some Now & then, to Save being presented Ride Up to Portsm^o tho other Arguments, & false Insinuations, hath been Used to Insnare Ignorant people to Signe against the bridge (to wit) that we Intend^d to hinder boats of Hay wood &c^a to Pass & Repass, & that it was to be a Province Charge, which Poor people already burthen'd with the Charge of ye Publick taxes, groons under & that NCastle would have it a tole bridge & Ingross the Benifitt to themselves,

3^d That ye Want of the Bridge will be a Security in Case of a War, is Very Inconsistent with reason, and has been Suffi-

ciently ans^{d} by all our former Gov^{rs} Masters of ye ordnance & Ingineers as also ye having it is a Great advantage to his Maj^{ts} in ye Customs as per Robt Armstrong Esqr his Memoriall, Laid before Coll^{o} Dudly & the L^{ds} Commissioners at home,

4^{thly} That Whereas Sundry persons, have Laid Out, their Estates, in the fishery Who they Say Must be Unavoidably Ruined per Stopping their pass^{s} when its Evedent that they Could Never Could Come in, that Way Unless Just at high water, and then it is alwaies as Good & a Much Safer Way for them to Come in at ye Main Harbour, but were the Case So we humbly Conceive that two or three private Interests Should Not abridge ye Publick advantage of a Country.

5^{ly} as to the Ice Jamming at ye bridge its Wrong to Imagine that, for that the Narrows above alwaies breakes & Shatters the Ice, So y^{t} it will Run through any one of ye Sluces of ye Bridge,

6^{ly} As to that Unspeakable hardship, which is So Emphatically Express'd & lookt Upon to be ye Greatest Injury that ye Pet^{rs} Set forth as Sufferers by S^{d} Bridge, is answered in Every Article for that their Will be ten Sluces fitting for any hay or Wood boat to pass & Repass,

& that if y^{r} Excellency & Hon^{rs} & Gentlemen of ye Assembly had Ever requir'd A Number of hands, to this Remonstrance We Do Assure you that we Could have had 50 to one for building ye Bridge, & those to be Men of Honour, Justice & Estate & well Dispos'd to Serve the Publick Weal & Welfaire, & Not Men out of a private Sinister End Either to Defraud the King of his Dues, or Else for the Sake of Engrossing ye trade. & traffick of ye Country people

And therefore your Memorialest, humbly prayes. their May be No Stop or hindrance put to S^{d} Bridge

New Castle Aprill 30th 1719

Hugh Reed } Select in behalf of ye Rest
Theo : Atkinson
Jno ffrost
John Watkins
Jotham odiorne

[7-158] [*Petition of Rev. John Blunt, 1737.*]

To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr Governour and Commander in cheif in and over his majesties Province of New Hampshire to His majesties Council & Honble House of Representatives in General Court assembled The Petion of John Blunt Humbly sheweth

That being informed it has been offered by sundry Gentlem^n as an argument against paying the p^r Annum Due from the Province to the minister of New-Castle Due (by an act of the General Court in the 12th year of King George the first) that It was what Is never Expected at His first Settling in this Place He begs Leave to asure y^m that It was what he Expected from his first Settlem't to be assure to him as his Salary from the Town or otherwise had never Settled with y^m on Such terms that he has all along looked on himself as a Common Sufferer with those to whom the Province has been Indebted for these Several years Past and y^t to be at last denied the Paym^t of what he has been So long Expecting would be a matter truly Surprising and grievouse—That He has given Constant attendance to the Souldery at ye fort as to his Parishoners and tho So small a Number yet Such has been the Sickess of them and their families for these 2 years past more Especialy that it has taken up no inconsiderable Part of his time to attend y^m So that if there had been no act of the Governm't to Pay any thing to him on that account he cant but think it reasonable that he sh'd have been Satisfied for his Labour. In as much as no man goeth a warfare at his own charge and the Labourer is worthy of his hire. which Is humbly offered to Consideration by the Subscriber—

John Blunt

New Castle march 30th 1737

Read and recommended

R Waldron Sec^y

[In H. of Rep., April 1, 1737, "Voted to be dismissed." —Ed.]

[7-159] [*Rev. Stephen Chase accepts a call to the Ministry, 1750.*]

To the Hon^bl Joseph Newmarch and Thomas Bell Esq^rs and Doct^r Nathl Sargent Committee—to Communicate to the Parish at your Next Meeting—

Gentlemen

Whereas what was thought to be the Intention of this Parish was sometime ago Signified to me by a Number of its Inhabitants, and Since, this Church and Parish have made Choice of me for their Gospel Minister, which, with what you have done for the Support of me and Mine among you, as doth Appear by your Votes, I have taken under Consideration, and do Chearfully Accept your Call; Earnestly Intreating the great Head of

all Divine Influences that my Comeing among you may be in the fullness of the Blessing of the Gospel of Christ—that we may be helpers of each others Joy while here, and Rejoice together forever hereafter

I Subscribe yours to Serve in the Gospel of Christ

Stephen Chase

New Castle September 24th 1750

New Castle May 26th 1772 a true Copy

Examined—per Henry Prescott T Clk

[R. 3-22] [*Petition of Dr. Nathaniel Sargent, 1746, addressed to the General Assembly.*]

Most Humbly shews That your Memoralist was in the late Expedition against Louisbourg as a Physician and Chirurgion in the Regiment that went out of this Province, That he was in the Service Five months and Twenty days, That he had for some time after landing on the Island of Cape Briton the sole care and charge of the said Regiment as Physician and Chirurgion, That he was oblig'd to tarry in the Camps out of the City Ten days after it was Surrendered to look after and take care of upwards of Thirty Sick, and wounded persons having no person or persons to aid and assist him therein That, there is due unto your Memoralist of his Allowance whilest in the above service as follows Nam'ly Forty Seven days bread, Twenty Seven days Meat and peas and his whole allowance of Rum except One quart and half a pint That your Memoralist made use of his own Instruments during the whole time of his being in the said service.

Wherefore your Memoralist most humbly prays your Excellency and Honours to consider this Memorial and to make your Memoralist such Allowance as may be thought just and reasonable and your Memoralist as in duty bound shall ever pray &c—

May 12th 1746.

Nath[l] Sargent

[He was allowed enough to make £572 with what had before been paid him.—Ed.]

[R. 3-23] [*Petition of Joseph Langmaid, Soldier, 1756, addressed to the General Assembly.*]

The Memorial of Joseph Langmaid a Soldier in the Fort

William and Mary in New Castle in said Province most Humbly shews.

That your Memorialist has been in said Fort near Fifty years, and have always endeavour'd to fulfil the Duty in the Capacity I sustained, and am now render'd incapable of serving any longer per reason of my Advanc'd Age, and A very bad Ulcer in my Legg that has been of long continuance And the Chyrurgeon that has the care of it is of Opinion that it will never be cured; unless I am put into A Salivation or a cource of Physick that nearly resembles it which will be very expensive and almost insupportable for me in my present weekness of Body and Advanc'd Age; And if it should be thought that I could undergo such an Operation I can't in reason expect it because I have nothing to make any person satisfaction for such great trouble and expence The necessitous circumstances I am reduc'd to, for want of the comon necessaries of Life, such as Meat, Drink Clothing and Firewood mak's my case extreemly miserable. The Wages I have received from time to time have been quite insufficient to afford any thing comfortable only a small support from Hand to Mouth; and being constantly imploy'd in said Fort have nothing laid up either more or less to depend upon. Therefore your Memorialist most Humbly prays your Excellency and Honours to consider of this Memorial, And to make your Memorialist such necessary provision for his future support as you in your wisdom shall think proper. And your Memorialist as in Duty bound shall ever pray, &c.—

Joseph his mark + Langmaid

New Castle Decem^r ye 17th 1756

[7-161] [*Petition of John Odiorne, Jr., for a Divorce, addressed to the General Assembly, 1759.*]

Humbly sheweth, John Odiorne Jnr of New Castle in the Province aforesaid Marriner, That on or about the 25th day of July 1753, he was Joyned in Marriage with Eunice Seavey of Rye in said Province Spinster. That on or about the month of December following the said Eunice was Delivered of a Child born of her body, which in the nature of things your Petitioner could not Possibly be the father off, because the said child was what is called a Molato, and consequently was begotten by Fornication and is a Bastard—Ever since wich your Petitioner hath been deprived of the Comforts and Conjugal affection he expected by Reason of his Marriage as aforesaid, and hath not Cohabited with her since—and as the word of God expressly

says that a man shall not put away his wife save for the Cause of Fornication so in this case he apprehends it lawfull, and as he Cannot put her away unless authorized by this Hon^bl Court, Wherefore Your Petitioner prays the advisement of this Hon^bl Court in the premises—and that he may be enabled to put her away and have his said marriage disannulled, that he may be at liberty to marry again if he sees Cause & have liberty to bring in a bill accordingly, and your Petitioner shall as in Duty bound ever pray

Decr 16, 1755.

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John × Odiorne Junr
mark

witness Cutt Shannon

[Said Odiorne presented the following indenture as evidence, and was granted "leave to bring in a bill," but I do not find any act decreeing the divorce.—ED.]

[7-160] [*Eunice Odiorne binds out her Child; a Unique Indenture, 1754.*]

This Indenture Witnesseth

that I unes odhorn of the parish of Rye in the provance of New hampshur in Nuengland doth put and bind my melater Child which is called lushe hamsher unto obdiar masten and his wife Elisabath of the North parish of hamtown in the provance aforsaid and the said melater child to sarve after the maner of an apprintice to dwell and scarve from the day of the date hearof for and during the full and just term of twenty fife years which will be Ended in the year of ouer Lord 1779 and on febuary the fust day next insuen the date and fully to be Compleated and Ended during all which said terme the said apprentis hur said master and mistress honestly and faithfully shorl serve ther secrets keep close ther lawful and Reasonable Commands Every whear gladly do and perform dameiges to said master and mistres she shall not wilfuly do hur masters and mistres goods she shall not waste Embzel purloine or lend unto others nor sufer the same to be wasted or purloined but to hur power shall forthwith discover and make known the same unto the said obdiar masten and his Wife hur master and mistres taverns or ale houses she shall not frequent at Cards dise or any other unlawful game she shall not play fornication she shall not commit nor mattimony contract with any person during the said time frome her master and mistres sarves she shall not at any time unlawfully absent hur self but in all things as a good honest and faithful sarvent and apprentice shall bear and behave

hurself towords hur said master and mistres during the full term of the twenty fife years comminsed as aforsaid and the said obdiar masten and his wife Elisabath for themselves doth Covenant promas grant and agree unto and with the said apprintes in maner and form following that is to say that we will previd for and unto the said apprentice good and sufficint meat drink and logen fit for an printes during said time and at the end of the said term to dismis said apprentis in testimony whearof the said partis to these present indentures have interchangeably set thear hands and seals the fust day of febwary in the twenty seventh year of the Reign of ouer Sovereign lord gorge the second bye the grace of god king of grat britan frans and irland and in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty fouer

mark
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signed sealed and dlivered in presance of
Richard Rand
Molly Rollins

prsh of Rye desinber 24 day 1755

obdiah marsten and his wif Elezbath marsten apered Before me and mad oth tht on the first day of febwary 1744 the above syd marsten and wif had a melto women child of unes odern of Rye Bound to tham and declard to the Bast of their knolag she was a melato Child

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[7-162] [*Relative to Tax on Abraham Trefethen's Mills, 1763.*]

To the Honble his Maj^s Council & the House of Representatives in General Assembly conven'd at Portsmouth ye 5th day of December 1763

A Petition in favor of the Select-Men of New-Castle humbly Shews that Geo: Frost Esqr hath Industriously propagated among the Inhabitants of Said New-Castle, that in the last Proportion made by this Court The Mills owned by Capt Abraham Trefethen of Said Town were injoyned to pay £400—which has made great Uneasiness in S^d Town And in defiance of all that can be Said or done, as a Certificate from the Secretary, Clerk of the House, and what is wrote at the foot of the Proportion, and every other Explanation (for the whole Taxation on New-Castle is but £500—for Trade, Short Inventory &^ca) Yet Mr Frost insists Still on what he Says to be right and that some of the Select-Men knows it to be so, which has disturbed the Peace of the Town to Such a degree that the Select-Men have Postponed making the Town Taxes till Such an Explana-

tion of the Matter from this Court as may convince Mr Frost (if He may be capeable of conviction) and restore Peace and tranquility to the Town again: which is what hereby is desired & prayed for by this Petition & what the Select-Men in Duty are obliged to ask—

Jos. Newmarch in behalf of ye Select: Men

[7-163] [*Vote of Town relative to Ministerial matters, 1772.*]

At a Parish Meeting of New Castle, Notified by the Constable Mr John Pridham, to Call & Settle a Gospell Minister for said Parrish, held July 6th 1750, According to Notification, mett at Ten A Clock a forenoon,—

Voted Joseph Newmarch Esqr Moderator The meeting Adjourned 'till three A Clock afternoon the same Day.—

Jos: Newmarch Mod^r

At Three a Clock afternoon Eodem Die the Parrish mett According to the Adjournment

Voted the Parrish be Supply'd with a Gospell Minister

Voted That the Gospell Minister of this Parrish have for his Support Fifty Pounds Sterling per Annum to be paid him According to Exchange, Moreover the Parsonage & Contribution of Strangers.—

The Meeting Adjourned 'till the third Monday the 20th August Next—

Jos: Newmarch Mod^r

At New Castle Parrish Meeting held Tuesday the 18th Day of September at 10 of the Clock forenoon 1750 According to Notification Dated the 15th Instant 1750 To Choose Call & Settle a Gospell Minister in Said Parrish.—

Voted Joseph Newmarch Esqr Moderator

Voted The Revd Mr Stephen Chase to be a Gospell Minister in & for the abovesaid Parrish—

Voted The aforesaid m^r Stephen Chase for his Support During his Ministry in this said Parrish shall have Fifty Pounds Sterling per Annum to be Annually p^d him According to Exchange, The Contribution of Strangers & the Parsonage House & Lands Agreeable to a former Vote.—

Voted Joseph Newmarch Esqr Thos Bell Esqr & Doct^r Nathl Sargent a former Committee be Confirmed, and with Power to Treat with m^r Stephen Chase, to Receive his Answer and Make Report thereof

New Castle May 22^d 1772 a true Copy taken from New Castle Records—Test^t— Henry Prescott T Clk

[7-165] [*Petition for an Allowance for the Privilege of Soldiers attending Church, 1773.*]

To The Honarable House of Assembly

Gentlemen. as The Town of New Castle was Divided into Two parishes. and the Same Act that Set off the Parish of Rye From New Castle. granted To the Town of New Castle. Twenty Four pound p^r Annum to be paid out of The Publick Excise and as this Honarable. House. Saw meet Last year to grant to the Town of New Castle Thirty pound in full For Said Act.

Therefore your petisioners pray that your Honours will Consider us on the great Advantage that the Solders has on Attending the publick worship of God at the Meeting house in New Castle and grant us So much as you Gentlemen Shall think proper. payable to the Selectmen of New Castle towards Supporting the Gospel Ministry in Said Town

In Behalf of the Town

New Castle 26 May 1773

Thos Bell
John Simpson } Select Men

[They were allowed fifty shillings per annum.—ED.]

[7-166] [*New Castle Committee relative to Harbor Defences, 1776.*]

Colony of New-Hampshire

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives for said Colony in General Assembly convened June 5th 1776—

The humble Petition of us the Subscribers a Committee in Behalf of the Inhabitants of New Castle in the County of Rockingham in the Colony aforesaid—Sheweth That the Inhabitants of s^d Newcastle being by their Insular Situation at the Entrance of the only Harbour in the Colony and by their Defenceless condition peculiarly exposed to the attacks & ravages of the Enemy—the last fall did remove themselves and Effects into the Country, where with great Difficulty & Expence they procured houses to reside in during the last Winter—In this Situation having expended in the Support of their Families, their little Savings Notwithstanding the alarming Aspect of Public Affairs, were obliged to Return, this Spring, to their old Habitations, Where they yet remain in a very dangerous & defenceless Situation, without a Bridge, by means of which a

Retreat might be secured for the Inhabitants and the Colony Troops Stationed there in case of any Emergence it should be found Necessary, & without any Batteries Fortifications or Cannon for Defence—As Newcastle is the Key to this Colony, the Securing the Possession thereof, cannot be thought of less Importance to the Colony; than the Acquisition of it must be to the Enemy, In order to secure the Lives & Interest of the People of the Colony in general & of the Inhabitants of said Newcastle & the Troops there in Particular, we humbly conceive a Bridge Should be erected across the River from the upper End of s^d^ Newcastle to Ward's Island so called & from thence to Adam's Island so called, which would afford a Safe retreat to Fort-Washington, & also a Safe direct way to send Reinforcements to the Troops Stationed at said Newcastle when needed —We likewise conceive that Batteries or fortifications should be Built at Said Newcastle in some proper places for the Defence thereof, & to prevent the Enemy gaining a Stand so advantageous to them & so detrimental to the Colony—Wherefore we humbly pray that your Honors would take the Subject matter of this Petition into your Serious Consideration & being convinced of the Necessity & Utility of the Measure, that you would order the s^d^ Bridge & proper Batteries for Defence to be Built immediately at the Expence of the Colony. And we as in Duty bound will ever pray

Newcastle 13th May 1776

Geo. Frost Ju^r^ } Committee for
Robert White } Newcastle

[7-167] [*Memorial relative to the Fishery business.*]

To The Hon^ll^ the Council and Assembly for the State of New Hampshire—

The Memorial of Henry Prescott in behalf of his Constituants, the Inhabitants of the Town of New-Castle—humbly Sheweth

That said Town was almost Intirely Supported by the Fishery in Times past, there not being any Foreign Trade Carried on in said Town. That on the 20th of July 1775 the Act of the British Parliament prohibeting the Fishery took place, at which time, and after, a British Ship of War lay off said Town which prevented even the Catching of fish in Boats—and in the Month of October following when Falmouth was Burnt the Inhabitants were at the Expence of Remooving Back into the Country for Safety, expecting New Castle would Share the same fate—But in the Spring following a Considerable part of the Inhabitants

Returned, and at an Unusual Expence fitted out Five fishing Vessells, Two of which were taken by the Enemy, and some of the Hands are yet on Board the Sloop of War which took them; and Since a Considerable part of the Inhabitants have Engaged in the Continental Service; and Others have no trade to Support them, That they at present are Unable to Support their Minister or School.—Wherefore your Memorialest would move that this Court would take their Case into their Calm Consideration and grant them such Relief with Respect to their Tax's for 1775 & 1776, as they may think Just & Reasonable in their present Distressed Situation

and your memorialest as in Duty bund shall ever pray—

Exeter Decr 12th 1776.

Henry Prescott

[7-168] [*Petition for Authority to raise Money by Lottery to build a Bridge, 1778.*]

To the Hon^bl The Council, and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire, Conven'd at Exeter, the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of New Castle Humbly Sheweth—

That your Petitioners, the greater part of them, being Scituate and Living on an Island, Renders their Communication with the Inhabitants on the main Extreamly Difficult, and Many times Utterly Impracticable; that for want of a Bridge we are Deprived of Any Markett from the Country Except what is by water, which is very Precarious and Uncertain; that in Case of an Attack from Our Enemys, Assistance from Our Bretheren on the Main would be Difficult to be Procured, and if Procured, a Retreat, in Case of a Defeat would be Attended with many and great Inconveniences That your Petitioners in this Time of general Calamity have been Deprived of the Usual means of geting their Livelyhood in a more Especial Manner, as their whole Dependance was upon Navigation and the Fishery, and are thereby Rendered Uncapable of doing any thing towards Building a Bridge themselves; That The Hon^bl The Committee of Safety for this State did in the year 1776 Direct Col. Long when Stationed on this Island, with a Body of Troops, to Build a Bridge a Cross the River with the Materials of the Old One, as far as it would go, and also gave us some Old Condemned Masts and Booms to work into the New Bridge, But Unfortunately for Us Your Petitioners, the Season of the year was so far Advanced before He began that the work Remains Uncompleated

Your Petitioners Therefore humbly Request your Honor's would enable them by an Act of this State to Raise Two thousand Dollars by a Lottery to finish the Bridge already began, and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray—

New Castle February 10th 1778.

Henry Prescott	James Neal	John Simpson
Geo. Frost Jur	Meshach Bell 3d	Meshach Bell Jur
John Tarlton	Elias Tarlton	John Shannon
Thomas Bell	Willm Stocker	Abednego Bell
Matthew Bell Juner	Benjamin Bell 3d	Abra: Trefethen Jur
Benjamin Bell	Ephraim Amazeen	Nathll Jordan
Jno Tuckerman	John amazeen	John Randel
Robert White	William Jones	Abram Trefethen
John mcColley	William Clark	Richad Yeaton
Robt Lapish	Thomas Card	Isaac Smith
Sampson Bell	John Card	Thomas Lake
Saml Clarke	Henry Card	
John Seavey	John Rand	

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 13, 1778, the foregoing petition was granted.—Ed.]

[7-169] [*Report of Committee on Damages to Property by the Troops.*]

State of New Hampr

In the House of Representatives Novr 21st 1778.

The Committee appointed by the Council & House of Representatives to estimate the Damages and Rents of sundry Houses improved as Barracks in the Years 1775 and 1776 by Capt Parr's Rifle men, and other Continental Troops under the Command of Coll Peirse Long having met for the purpose aforesaid—& after a full survey of the buildings at New Castle, at Seavey's Island, and Capt George Janvrin's Island, do agree to Report as follows—vizt

To Meshech Bell for his house and damage		£45. 0.
To William Vinard for ditto		10. 0.
To Jane Watkins	do	20. 0.
To Henry Foss	do	12. 0.
To Matthew Bell	do	28. 0.
To John Simpson	do	24. 0.
To Shadrach Bell	do	90. 0.
To Daniel Warner	do	56. 0.
To Thomas Bell	do	72. 0.
To Robert White	do	76. 0.

To John Tarlton	d°	20. 0.
To George Frost for his old house & d°		32. 0.
To William Trundy	d°	12. 0.
To Robert Lapish	d°	30. 0.
To Mrs Shannon	d°	16. 0.
To Richard Yeaton	d°	6. 0.
To Joseph Frost	d°	7. 0.
To George Frost for New House & ditto		16. 0.
To William Jones	d°	15. 0.
To Mrs Moody	d°	120. 0.
To Mr Chase for Parsonage	d°	80. 0.
To Henry Prescutt	d°	30. 0.
To Stephen Batson	d°	13. 0.
To George Jaffrey	d°	24. 0.
To Samuel Fernald	d°	10. 0.
To John Fernald	d°	12. 0.
To Stephen Seavey	d°	20. 0.
To Stephen Jenkins	d°	7.
To George Janvrin	d°	65.
		£968. 0

This Account of nine hundred and sixty-eight pounds appears to your Committee to be due to the above named twenty nine persons, for the improvement of their houses & Lands for the purposes before mentioned, and all their damages—All which is submitted by George Gains for said Committee—Which Report being read & considered Voted that the same be received and accepted, & that the President give orders of payment accordingly to Major George Gains—

Sent up for Concurrence—

John Langdon Speaker

In Council the Same day read and Concurred

E Thompson Secy

[7-170] [*Relative to Legislative Representation, 1784.*]

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Court Assembled—

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of New Castle Humbly Sheweth—

That by Reason of the late Cruel and Distressing War your Petitioners have for a long Time been deprived of the Usual means of geting their Subsistance, and are so Impoverished in their Circumstances that they have been unable to pay their

Usual Proportion of the Public Expence, or even to Support a Minister, or School Amongst them, and also that their Numbers are greatly deminished, by which Means they are, at present, rendered unable to Support Representation—

Wherefore your Petitioners pray that they may be disannexed from the Town of Rye, and not Annexed to any Other Town for the Choice of a Representative, they Choosing rather in their present Circumstances, to Rely on the Justice and Clemency of the Hon^{bl} the General Court of the State—

New Castle March 15th 1784.

Abraham Trefethen	Nathan White	Jno Blunt
Jno Simpson	Abra Trefethen Junr	Nath^{ll} Batson
Henry Prescott	Sha^{d} Bell	Stephen Batson
Meshach Bell	Abednego Bell	archell furnell
Stephen Chase	John Randel	Elias Tarlton
Geo. ffrost Ju^{r}	Thomas Bell	Paul Randall
Saml Yaton	Samuel Frost	Wm Tredick
William Vennard	Sampson Bell	William Jones
Edward White	Robert Martin	James Neal
Robert White	John Simpson Junr	Richard Tarlton
John Tarlton	Joseph Bell	Ephraim Amazeen
Sam^{ll} Gowdy	Sha^{d} Bell Junr	
Joshua White	John Chase	

[7-172] [*Petition for Authority to raise Money by Lottery to build a Bridge, 1789.*]

To the Honourable Senate, and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled—

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of New Castle, humbly Sheweth—that the well known Importance of the small Town aforesaid, Imployed in the Fishing Business, to the State in General, and that the Increased Prosperity of it, is greatly Influential to the Fishery in general, that Publick source of Wealth, thrown into the Lap of the State, surely demands the Attention of the Legislature—And whereas, the Demolition of the Bridge, that connected the Island, to the main Land by means of which a Communication was Opened, and was a source of Prosperity, has greatly Impoveris'h us, and is still a hindrance to Our, Increase, Welth, and Prosperity, the Continuance of this Inconvinience, must, Continue, our Poverty Weaken and Deminish our Numbers, our Business, and means of Prosperity, and must in the Issue deminish the Wealth of

the State in general, and so be a Publick detriment, unless the Bridge is Restored, and thereby a free Communication Opened to the Country,—And whereas the Inhabitants of said New Castle, are by no means Able to the Arduous Task of Rebuilding the Bridge without the help and Aid of the Publick, these are therefore Earnestly to Pray and Petition that your Honours would grant us a Lottery, to Raise Fifteen hundred Pounds Lawful Money, which sum we suppose will take to Rebuild the Bridge in said New Castle, and afford us Other help and Aid as you in your goodness and Wisdom may see fit, and we as in duty bound will Ever Pray &c—

New Castle Decr 24, 1789

Oliver Noble	Nathaniel Amazeen	John Carrell
Sampson Sheafe	Sampson ttrefethen	Robert Blunt
Robert White	Joseph Amazeen 3^{d}	Joseph Amazeen
George Bell	John Rand	Jos. ffrost
David Mitchell	William Clarnboul	Edward Tredick
Chris^{r} Amazeen	Isaac Smith	John Shonnan
Benj^{a} Meloon	William Neal Junr	John Neal
Richd Tarlton	Benjamin odiorn	Joshua Bickford Ju^{r}
Henry Prescott J^{r}	Samuel Rand	Shadrach Bell
william neal	William Amazeen	Abednego Bell
Rich Neal	William Allen	Benj^{a} Prescott
Ephream Amazeen	Geo. Ffrost	John Randel
Sampson Bell	Jno Simpson	James Neal
Stephen Batson	Henry Prescott	Joseph Bell
Sinur	Thomas Bell	Stephen Batson Junr
Luke Wilkinson	William Vennard	Joshua White
Andrew Eliot	William Jones	Nathan White

[7-173] [*Petition from Inhabitants of Rye concerning the same.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To the Hon^{bl} The Senate and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled, at Portsmouth On the 23^{d} Day of December Instant—

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Rye Humbly Sheweth—That the Ancient Town of New Castle has been greatly distressed and Impoverished by Means of the late War, and the Bridge a Cross Little Harbour which Connected them to the Main, has been demolished, and the Inhabitants thereof are by no Means Able to Rebuild said Bridge, without the Aid

of the Public—which we Apprehend will not Only be Beneficial to the Inhabitants of said Town, but to the Country in General, as thereby a Communication will be Opened with the Only place Conveniently Situated for Carrying On the Fishery in this State, the Necessity of said Bridge must be Obvious to all as it will Open a free Communication from the Country to the Only Fortress in the State—Wherefore your Petitioners Humbly Pray that your Honors would grant Liberty to Raise the Sum of fifteen Hundred Pounds Lawfull Money, by a Lottery, for the Purpose of Building a Bridge a Cross Little Harbour in New Castle aforesaid, and your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever Pray.

Rye December, 1789.

Simon Jenness
Isaac Dow
Richard Jenness
Benjamin Jenness
John Jenness
Francis Jenness
Thomas Jenness Rand
Levi Jenness
Jacob Beary
Rich[d] Beary
abraham Libbee
James hobbs
John Garland
Bickford Lang
John Lang
Nicholas Dolbeer
Jonathan Brown
Job Jenness
Jonathan Woodman
John Brown
James Perkins
John Perkins
Joseph Perkins
thomas cotten
Sam[ll] Jenness
Peter Jenness
John Lock
Joseph Jenness Jur
William Davison
Josiah Davison
Mikel Dalton
Reuben Philbrick
Reuben moulton
Simon Lamper
Simon Lampere Jr
Samuel Elkins
Isaac Jenness
Jonathan Jenness
John Brown
John Marston
Samuel Knowles
Trustham Sleeper
Thomas Sleeper
David Smith
Stephen marden
Joses Philbrick
Joseph Rand
Peter Garland
John Garland iun[r]
Levi Garland
Jonath Garland
Peter Garland iuer
Simon Garland
Joseph Garland
John Garland
Nathan Knowls
John Knowles
Peter Johnson Jun[r]
Edmund Johnson
Nathaniel Beary
Peter Mitchell
Nathan Goss
Simon Johnson
Thomas Goss
Elijah Lock
Samuel Wells
Simon Wells
James Goss
Benjmin Garland
Benjamin Garland J[r]
Amos Garland
Huntington Porter
John F. Williams
Josus Philbrick
Jeremiah Berry
Levi Berry
Benjamin Marden Ju
Jonathan Hobbs
Solmon Berry
Nathaniel marden
Ebeneazer Seavey
Mark Lang
George Rand
Amos Persons
Benjamin Marden
Alaxander Salter
Joseph Rand Jun[r]
Levi Goss
John Goss
Daniel Mason
William Norton
Elexander Lear
Nathaniel Rand Jur
Benjamin Lear
Daniel Fitzgrell
Jonathan Goss
Nath[l] Rand
Joseph Goss

Jonathan wedgwood
David Wedgwood
Nathaniel Jenness
Noah Jenness
Stephen Rand
John B. Jennes
Jeremiah Brown
jonathan Philbrick
Daniel Philbrick
David Lock
David Lock junr
Jonathan Lock the third
EBenezer Berry
Merefield Beary
Jonathan Lock
Jonathan Lock Jur
Rich[d] Jenness
Samuel Rand
Thomas Rand
Samuel Wallis iur
John Fry
John Fry Ju
Amos Seavey
William Seavey

[An act granting the lottery was passed Jan. 12, 1790.—ED.]

[7-174] [*Petition of sundry Inhabitants to be annexed to Rye, 1791.*]

To the Honb[le] Senate and the Honorable House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire, Convened at Concord—

The Petition of Sundry Inhabitants and Land holders of the Town of New Castle in said State—Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioners by Reason of their Local Scituation have Long Laboured under great inconveniencies in said town by being detached from the stated place of Public Town meetings and Schools by a river running between them and the Compact part of the town which is many times Impassable by reason of Tempestous weather Ice &c that our Annual town meeting is by Law on the first Tuesday of March at which Season of the year the River is often so Obstructed with Ice or wind as to render it Impossible for Us to attend, in Consequence of which we are Prevented from Voting on any Public business thereby Losing our Small Influence in Town affairs, and when we can Attend our numbers are so few that we Stand no Chance with the other Part of the town whereby we are forced to pay for what they Please to Vote, School masters in Particular without having any benefit of them. Some of Us Living Upwards of a mile from the River which if Passable we have another mile to walk to the School, which we Conceive to be a great Hardship as we are obliged some of Us to put our Children to School in other Towns, thereby Paying Double taxes for them which is a great Hardship to Such of Us in Particular who have tennants on our Land it being a great Discouragement to a tennants Living in such a town—We would also beg Leave to Suggest that in the year 1703 the Governor and Council Passed an order Releasing the then Ferryman from his Taxes yearly in Consideration of his Ferring over the Inhabitants Living on

the main on Public days Gratis which Custom was Constantly Complyed with till Very Lately when the Select men to add another Grievance to Us have Compelled the Present Occupant of the Ferry to pay his Tax who now refuses to Let us pass the River without Pay, for these and many other Reasons your Petitioners most Humbly Pray your Honors that we may be Disannexed with our Estates from the town of New Castle and Annexed to the Town of Rye which is much more Convenient to us for meetings & Schools

And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound will Ever Pray

New Castle May 29th 1791

Jno Blunt
Samuel Rand
Benjamin odiorn
Jacob Sheafe junr
Jonathan Warner
Geo. Frost

[The foregoing was granted Dec. 22, 1791.—Ed.]

[7-175] [*George Jaffrey claims an Allowance for Damage caused by building the Fort.*]

State of New-Hampshire

Portsmouth June 8th 1792—

To the Honourable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New-Hampshire now Sitting at Dover in general Court, in June 1792—

The Memorial of George Jaffrey of Portsmouth, in the County of Rockingham; and State of New-Hampshire—

Humbly Sheweth

That the Government of the State of New-Hampshire, in June 1775. began building a Fort on the land of your Memorialist at a place called Jerrys point, in the Town of New-Castle in Said State; and that Fort was built of the Sods, earth and Stone walls of Said place also many valuable trees were cut down on that place, to be used as materials for building or fuel for the fort—From the time of building that fort, your Memorialist was deprived of cutting the principal part of the hay for Supporting the Cattle he had upon The farm, containing about Seventy five Acres by Several years manuring the ground at Jerrys Point, by the appearance of the Grass, when the fort was begun to be built, the Tennant expected to make nine or

ten loads of hay on that point of land,—Since that time, have been obliged to transport hay by water, at an extraordinary expence, to Support the Stock on that farm, and the ground on the point has been of little or no benefit—when the Government removed the Platforms Barracks &ca from the fort, in expectation that the Fort would be removed, and the materials would be replaced,—prevented application to the general Court for ample and adequate compensation for the Damage to your Memorialist, by building Said Fort—wherefore he now prayeth The Honourable General Court would appoint a Committee to view the place where the Fort is built, examine and enquire into circumstances respecting the Damage done to your Petitioner, by building The Fort, &ca and to make a full Estimate of the Same and grant him a full Compensation for the Damage he sustain's and your Petitioner will ever pray &c

Geo: Jaffrey

[A committee appointed to examine into the matter reported the damage at £50. Said committee was composed of Moses Leavitt, Jona. Cilley, and James Carr.—Ed.]

NEW DURHAM.

The township was granted to Ebenezer Smith and others in 1749, and incorporated with full town privileges December 7, 1762. Major Thomas Tash, a brave soldier of the French and Revolutionary wars, was authorized to call the first town-meeting.

A tract of land adjoining on the west, for some years called New Durham Gore, was incorporated as a town by the name of Alton, June 16, 1796.

The town was settled to some extent by people from Durham: hence its name. Col. Thomas Tash, a native of the last named place, removed to this town about the close of the Revolutionary war, and died here in 1809, at the age of 87 years.

[R. 3-25] [*Petition of certain Soldiers in the Expedition against Canada: addressed to the General Assembly, June 14, 1764.*]

Shews

That your Petitioners were in his Majestys Service against his Enemies and did their duty faithfully thro' much hardships Difficulties—That they have receivd their wages for every years Service but the Year 1760 for which they have received no pay tho' for that year their Service was as hard as the rest.—

That they cannot think that their leaving Crown point about a fortnight before their Dismission (which they have been told was the reason they were not paid for that year) coud be such an Offence as justly Incurrd the forfiture of a Years wages when their Circumstances there were such as made it greatly hazzardous to their health to Tarry and their Departure attended with no Ill Consequences—Wherefore they most humbly Pray their case may be Considered & their wages paid according to Enlistment & time of Service—

Gideon Gould
Timothy clough
Henery frink
Nath[ll] Merrill
Micajah Morrill in y[e] Rite of Richard Hull
Ebenezer Brow
Robert Pike

Dismist

[R. 3-24] [*Petition of Elizabeth Doe.*]

[In a petition without date Mrs. Doe stated "that David Doe Her Husband went as a Continental Solder in the service For the Town of New Durham;" and, further, "that she was married in New Durham and her child was born there." Sworn before Joseph Roberts.—Ed.]

[R. 3-27] [*Petition of Peter Drown, 1785.*]

[In a petition dated June 6, 1785, said Drown, of New Durham, stated that he "served as a Captain in Col[o] Stephen Peabodys Regiment in the State of Rhode Island in the year 1778." He asked to have the depreciation of his pay made up to him. The petition is signed "Tho[s] Tash

In behalf of the petitioner." Capt. Drown was murdered February 4, 1788, by Elisha Thomas.—ED.]

[R. 3-29] [*Samuel Runnels's Petition, Soldier.*]

[In a petition dated New Durham, December 30, 1788, the said Runnels stated "that he was a private in Maj^r Norris Company in Col. Scammels Reg^t for the term of three years;" that by reason of being on detatched service with General Sullivan he drew no pay from December 31, 1778, until June 30, 1779, at which last date he was appointed to an office in the Rhode Island expedition. He was allowed regular pay for the six months.—ED.]

[R. 3-26] [*Soldier's Order, 1784.*]

Newdurham decem^r th 19—1784

Sir please to pay Thomas Tash Esqr the whole of my wages & bountey for my Sarvce In the Continental armey In 1781 In Capt Livermores Company and this Shall be a discharge In full from—

your humble Sarv^t

John Bryant

To the pay master of the New hampshire trups

[R. 3-28] [*Petition of Elisha Thomas, Soldier, 1787: addressed to the General Assembly, January 4, 1787.*]

Humbly Sheweth Elisha Thomas of New Durham in the County of Strafford, Yeoman, that in the Year 1776, he inlisted into Capt John Gordon's Company, as a private Soldier, in the Regment under the Command of Col Thomas Tash of this State, in the federal Service, that in the Month of November in the same year, at the Alarm at Planks Point on North River State of New York in Discharging his Gun, his Left hand, was torn 'to Pieces, by bursting of said Gun, and his Thumb carried away, and his Fingers & hand rendered almost wholly useless, by Means whereof, he suffered the most excruciating Pain for a long Time, & has ever Since been in a great Measure, deprived of the Means of gaining a Subsistence for himself & a numerous Family of Children—Wherefore Your Petitioner most hum-

bly Prays this honorable Assembly to take his Case in their wise and equitable Consideration, and make him such Grant, or Allowance as Justice and Humanity may dictate, for the Relief of himself & a Poor & Indegent Family and as in Duty Bound he will ever Pray—

Elisha Thomas

[See Vol. XI, page 547.—ED.]

[R. 3-30] [*Petition of Richard Colomy, 1791.*]

State of New-Hampshire Concord Feby 3^{d} 1791—

To the Honorabl the Congress of the United States of America, most humbly sheweth,

Richard Colomy of New-Durham in said State—that he was a Soldier in Captain Frederick Bells Company, in Col^{o} George Reids Reg^{t} in Genl Enoch Poors Brigade in the late Continental Army,—that on the ninteenth day of April 1777,—in Battle at Still-water, he received two wounds, one in his knee, & the other in his hip and the ball still remains in his hip—by means of which Your Petitioner and Memorialist is much disenabled—that by reason of his living remote in the Country being poor, ignorant &^{c} he never made application to be enrolled as an inviled pen^{r} in this State till the time of enrolling therein had expired,—

Therefore he most ardently pray Your hon^{l} body to take his distressed case into consideration, and Grant him such relief in the premises as may appear Just and reasonabl,—and as in duty bound he will ever pray—

his
Richard X Colomy
mark

Test: Josh^{a} Atherton
John Young

[He was put on the invalid roll.—ED.]

[7-178] [*Relative to Robert Karson, Soldier.*]

State of New Hamp^{re}

To the Honorable the Council and House of Representatives in General Court convened at Exeter April 7th 1784

Humbly shew the Inhabitants of New Durham in the County of Strafford that among the Soldiers they were called upon

to furnish during the late war they hired to serve for that Term one Robert Karson who joined his Regiment served some time & then was taken Prisoner or deserted: since which (as your Petitioners suppose through some mistake) an Extent has been served on your Petitioners for not furnishing their Quota of Soldiers of which the said Karson was one

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honors that they may be excused from paying the said Extent so far as it relates to the said Karson, or that they may be otherwise releived as in your wisdom you shall judge proper, and as in duty bound shall ever pray

Thoˢ Tash
in behalf of the Petitioners—

[7-179] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of New Hampʳ Strafford ss—

A Return of the Number of all Male Polls from Twenty One Years of Age & upwards (paying poll Taxes) in the Town of New Durham Taken by Order of the General Assembly of said State. which Number is Seventy

New Durham Decʳ 20th 1783.—

Thoˢ Tash } Select
Peter Drowne } Men

[7-180] [*Col. Thomas Tash resigns in favor of his Son, 1791.*]

New durham Jenury th 10—1791

dear Sir

this Comes to In forime you that I wrot to Let you know that I am willing to Resign being appointed a Justice of the peace In favour of my Son Thomas Tash If the president & Counsel Sees fite to appoint him In my Room I Suppose that he Is well qualified for that Commission and will be no dishoner to them that appoints him. and I Expect that It will be agreeable to the Town he Lives In which Is all from your friend & most humble Sarvnt

Thoˢ Tash

P S I wrote this Letter Least you had not Receivd the other

[7-181] [*Relative to Library Society, 1797.*]

To the Honble Senate and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire to be convened at Concord, in said State on the first wednesday in June next—

"The Petition of the Subscribers, a Committee appointed by the New Durham library Society, for the purpose, at their Meeting held in said Town on the twelvth day of September last—humbly shews That said Society consists, at present, of forty members, each of whom have paid four dollars a peice, for the use of said Society which money has been laid out to the best advantage, in furnishing said library with the best and most useful collection of books, for the use of the Members—that said Society is still increasing in number and respectability and would in their opinion much faster increase, if they were incorporated and made a body corporate and politic—on a plan similar to other institutions of the kind now existing in this State, that said Sccciety at present are subject to inconveniencies, for want of such incorporation—And as you are our political fathers and Guardians and, we are assured, wish to patronize and promote useful literature, knowledge and good order among the citizens at large, which beneficial ends are much facilitated by institutions of this kind—Your petitioners would therefore humbly pray, in behalf of themselves and their associates that your honors would be pleased to permit them to introduce a bill of incorporation for the purposes aforesaid, under such regulations and restrictions, as your Honours may deem just and reasonable And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray—

New Durham May the 25th A. D. 1797

Samuel Runnals
Thomas Tash Junr } Committee
Joseph Jackson

[The committee was granted leave to bring in a bill.—Ed.]

NEW HAMPTON.

The territory was granted to Gen. Jonathan Moulton and others, proprietors of Moultonborough, January 24, 1765, and was called Moultonborough Addition. It was incor-

porated as a town November 27, 1777, and received its present name at that time at the request of General Moulton, in honor of his native town.

By an act passed December 7, 1797, the north-east part of the town was set off, and incorporated as a town by the name of Centre Harbour, which name was given in consequence of its containing within its bounds the centre one of the three principal harbors on the north side of the lake, said harbor having borne that name for some years prior to the incorporation of the town. (See Vol. XI, page 277.)

A literary institution, called the New Hampton Academy, established here, was incorporated June 27, 1821. The management of the institution was placed in the hands of three trustees, and so continued until 1826. In June of that year the name of the institution was changed by law to "The Academical and Theological Institution in New Hampton," and the number of trustees increased to eleven, five of whom were to be appointed by the proprietors, and five by the Baptist Convention. The principal of the school was also to be one of the trustees. By an act of the legislature, approved July 6, 1849, the control of the academy passed into the hands of the Baptist Convention, which was empowered to appoint all of the eleven trustees. This institution was removed to Vermont about 1852.

In January, 1853, The New Hampton Literary and Biblical Institution was chartered and organized, under the auspices of the Free-Will Baptist denomination. It was liberally endowed by Col. Rufus G. Lewis, of New Hampton. Since that time it has been in successful operation, and has performed a good work in the cause of education.

[7-182] [*Benning Moulton recommended for a Magistrate, 1781.*]

New Hampton August ye 16th 1781

This May Sertify that at a Town Meeting Legally Warned and Held this Day at the House of Mr Samuel Dollofs in said Town for the Choice of a Justice of the Peace and the Town Unanimously Made Choice of Mr Benning Moulton for that office and we Strongly Recommend Mr Benning Moulton to His Exelency the President of the State of New Hampshire and the Honble the Privi Council to be Quallify^d as soon as May

be as the Town has been Destitute of a Justice for a Long time—Mr Ezekiel Morse is Chosen by the Town as an agent to present this Paper to his Exelency the President

The above is a True Record of the Procedings of the Meeting—

Thos Simpson T Cl*

Ebener Ingals } Select Men for
Benjs Smith Junr } New Hampton

[7-183] [*Another recommendation for same, 1784.*]

To his Excellency the President of the State of Newhampshire, and the honourable his Council—

We the Subscribers, Inhabitants of the Town of New hampton humbly concieving, that it is not only for the Utility of the State at Large, but highly convenient for Individuals, that one or more Justices of the Peace should be appointed in each Town and having for a long Time experienced the want of one: pray, some suitable Person in said Town may be appointed to that Office; and we wou'd beg leave to recommend Mr Benning Moulton, as a Gentleman most agreeable to the Inhabitants, and most likely to serve the good Purposes of Government—and we your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray for &cs—

Newhampton augt 6, 1784

Ebenezer Chamberlain	Elisha Cumings	iohn dollof
	John Smith	David Dolsar
Ephraim Chamberlain	Benjamin Smith	John Smith
	John Harper	John fuller
John Pain	Isaac Cummings	zadock Sanborn
James towl	Elisha Cumings iunr	Benia Sanborn
Ezekiel Morse	Nathaniel Comings	Joseph Sanborn
James Quimby	John Leavitt	Zadock Sanborn Jr
Hosea Sturturvant	thomas Woodman	Ebenr Ingalls
Josiah Towl	Jonathan James	oliver smith Blake
Amos Pain	William Plaisted Juner	Moses Carter
Richard Pain		Daniel Harper
Daill page	Joseph Smith	oliver Lyford
Israel Glines	James Huckins	James Harper
Enoch Cate	William Plasted	Mark his X mark blacke
Abel Morse	Samuel Plaisted	
Moses Kelsa	deniel Veesay	Abr. Drake Junr

* Thomas Simpson was a Revolutionary soldier.

Joseph Senter
Ephraim Moore
Daniel Chamberlain
Benj^{a} Huckins
Elisha Smith
James harran
Ezra Hacket
Levi Drew
Daniel Sawyer
Thomas Harran
John harran
Andrew Neele
Epheram hacket
John Boynton
Saml Colcord
William Boynton
Richard Boynton
Nicholas Smith
Jeremiah Ward
Onesiphorus Flanders
Samell dollof
John Hutchins
Robard Smith
Joseph Smith iuner
Abraham Drake
Benj^{a} Smith Junr
Daniel Ward
simeon Walton
Willice much
Jonathan Dow

[7-185] [*Vote of Town relative to setting off the north-east part, 1796.*]

At a publick Town meeting Holden in New Hampton the Sixth Day of March AD 1796 voted that the N E part of New Hampton be set off as far as Measley pond thence to Measley pond Brook thence up the middel of S^{d} Brook to Long pond thence up the middel of long pond to the inlet at the Head of s^{d} pond thence N thirty five Degrees W to New Holderness—
A true Copy—

Attest Ahimaaz Blanchard T. Clerk

[The territory named was set off and became a portion of Centre Harbor, Dec. 7, 1797.—Ed.]

[R. 3-32] [*Soldier's Order.*]

Newhampton august 29, 1792.

To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire—

Sir Pleas to Pay to John Nicholl or his order what Ever is due to me I John Smith having been a Soldier in the 1st N Hampshire Reg^{t} it being for value Received
Witness my hand
attest John Smith
Jn B Eastham
Daniel Kelly

NEWINGTON.

The township was a portion of the Dover and Squamscot Patent, and was called "Bloody Point Parish" for some years. A dispute arose concerning the boundary lines between this parish and the parish of Greenland, and a committee was appointed, May 12, 1714, "to ascertain the limits of said Parishes." (See page 65, ante.) Bloody Point was named Newington, the same day, by the governor. It had been separated from Dover as a parish about one year previous. When it was fully incorporated with town privileges I am unable to ascertain. Some writers give the date as 1764, but there is no act relative to the matter on record in the secretary's office in that year, and I am unable to find any manuscript authority for the statement. In May, 1764, John Knight and John Pickering, as agents for the town of Newington, petitioned to have the line straightened between said town and Portsmouth.

Newington was represented by John Knight, Jr., in the H. of Rep. in 1755, and by John Fabyan in 1745, at which time it had a set of town officers, from which I think it must have been invested with town privileges prior to that date.

June 26, 1821, a small portion of the town was severed, and annexed to Portsmouth.

Newington mens names sworn.

Joseph Rawlins	Jn° Walinford	Tho: Trickey
Jn° Dam	Tho° Row Junr	Benj: Richards
Jn° Downing	Hatevil Nutter	Joseph Bickford
Tho: Latton	Mathias Nutter	Jn° Peters
Tho: Row	Jn° Carter	Hatevil Nutter
Moses Dam	Sam^ll Rawlins	Benj: Richards
Eleaz^r Coalman	John Quint	Tho: Ayers
Jn° Hodsdon	John Trickey	Tho: Trickey
Marke Ayers	Jn° Richards	Jn° Davis
Sam^ll Henry	Jn° Hoyt	Andrew Peters
Sam^ll Thompson	Jn° Decker	Jn° Decker
Eben^r Plaise	Thom: Ayers	Joseph Spearing
Jn° Hodsdon	Israel Hoyt	George Coolbroth
Sam^ll Nutter	Walter Fost	Sam^ll Row
Josiah Downing	Benj: Fost	James Place

*Hatevil Nutter	Richd Place	Jno Brock
Joshua Downing	Tho: Roads	Edwd Walker
John Latton	Jno Tomson	Elix^{d} Hodgdon
Phillip Door	Dodiford Bickford	George Walton
Valintine Nutter	Tho: Follett	William Furber
Moses: Furber	Tho Bickford	Jno Webber
Joseph Richards	Nemiah Furber	Henry Nutter
Christopher Huntris	Sam^{ll} Place	Jno Nutter
Edwd Walker	Jno Warringford Ju^{r}	Richd Dam
Jno Walton	Edward Row	Jno Dam
Sam^{ll} Maloon	Benj: Patch	Clem^{t} Meserve

[7-204] [*Concerning Irregularities in a Town-Meeting, 1737.*]

To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr Govr and Commander In Chief in and Over His Majesty's Province of New Hamp^{r} the Honble His Majestys Council and House of Represen, for said Province in Genl Court Convened—

The Petition of Sundry of the Free-holders & Inhabitants of the Town of Newington in said Province in behalf of themselves & others of said Town—Humbly Sheweth—

That on the twenty ninth Day of March Inst^{t} the Annual Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Newington aforesaid was observed & held at which meeting there was much Contest and Disorder.

That such Irregularities & abuses were there Tolerated as ought not to be Suffered in any Civil Society, many Persons being Suffer'd to be voters who had neither freehold nor any other Estate in the Town and others who (afterwards) boasted they had put in four or five votes to a man—That many Persons objected against for not having Sufficient Estate to Entitle them to vote were yet allow'd to be qualified voters—whereby the affairs of the said Meeting were Transacted & Determined in such a manner as is Contrary to the minds of many of the Free holders of the Town, and to the Genl Interest of the said Town & in Particular in removing a certain high way—Wherefore your Petition^{rs} Humbly pray that in yor Great wisdom you would Explain the Law relating the Qualification of voters in Town meetings, that we may have no further Disputes of that Sort—that you would declare the meeting afores^{d} void, & order another for the Choice of Town officers & the other matters

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*This name was originally Hate-evil.

Transacted at the Same, that so the said abuses may be removed, & Discountenanced—& yor Petition^{rs} Shall ever pray

John Nutter	Eleazar Coleman	James Colbroth
John Vincent	Sam^{ll} Fabyan	John hodgdon
Alexander hodgdun	moses furbur	James place
Moses Dam	John Hoyt	
James Nutter	Christopher Huntress	
Richard his X mark Plasee		

[In H. of Rep., Aug. 18, 1737, the proceedings of said meeting were declared to be void, and the old board of selectmen were authorized to call another meeting.—Ed.]

[7-205] [*Additional Petition concerning the matter.*]

Whereas there was a petition preferred to the Gen^{ll} Court Setting att Portsm^{o} in Newhamp^{r} on the 1st of Apriel Last past (by Sundry of the ffreeholders & Inhabitants of Newington in the province of Newhamp^{r} aforesaid) Setting forth Sundry Abuses & Irregularitys which were Tolerated att a Town Meeting held att s^{d} Newington on the Twenty Ninth Day of March Last, And wee the Subscribers Not having An Oppertunity of Signing said petition with the then petitioners Doe now Joyn with them in praying the Assistance of the hon^{ble} Court (for the Reliefe of the Town as sett forth in s^{d} petition) and yor petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray

Augst 4th 1737

John dam	Thomas Leighton	Nehemiah furber
Hattevil Nutter	Thomas Row	Jethro furbur
william furber	Henery Nutter	John Huntriss

[7-206] [*More Irregularities in Town-Meeting, 1745.*]

To the Honble the House of Representatives for the Province of New Hampshire Assembled the 24th Day of Jany 1744-5

The Humble Petition of Sundry of the Freeholders & Inhabitants of Newington In Said Province Shews—

That Monday the 21st Instant was the Day Appointed for the Choice of A Suitable Person to Represent the said Town in the General Assembly Pursuant to a Notification Issued by the

Select Men of said Town for that Purpose Agreeable to which a Meeting was held but not Governed & Managed According to Law Nor Order & Decency—

That two Persons were Nominated Viz George Walton Esqr and Mr Lemuel Bickford for whom the Voters where Near Equally Divided Untill two Persons Appeared and put In their Votes In favour of the said Walton who where not Qualified Voters to which Several of Your Petitioners Objected & Told the moderator they were not Voters which He Denied Affirming They were and Declared the said Walton was the Person Chosen to Represent the said Town the Objectors Demanded (as Soon As they could Speak) That the matter might be determined by ye Poll & so Discover'd weither any Persons Voted who were not Qualified and tho This was Requested by A Greater Number Then the Law In that Case Deems Sufficient Yet it was Absolutely & Arbitrarily Denied & Refused by Him & Insisted On That the said Walton was the man Chosen—That Your Petitioners Apprehend it to be a Great Infringment of the Rights of the Voters to Refuse to Have any Doubtfull matter Determined by the Poll as well as a Breach of the Law In that Case Provided—And that as this Is an affair of Consequence to the People Greater Care at Such meetings ought to be Taken Than In Common Cases & Every Person has a Right to Be Patiently Heard by the moderator to Propose His Objection against the Proceedings and the Greater the Number Is that make any Motion, the Greater Regard ought to be Had to it and when it Is Suggested that Persons Vote who are not Qualified It Is a Matter Not Slightly much Less Arbitrarily to be Pass'd Over—Especially In this Case where all the Voters ought to be freeholders Wherefore your Petitioners Humbly pray that the said Walton may not be Allowed to Represent the said Town that the Management of the said Meeting may be Inquired into and the Legallity of the Choice Aforesaid Tried and an Order Past for a New Choice if it Shall be found to be Illegal and Your Petitioners as In Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

John Knight	John Huntris	Jethro Furbur
Lemuel Bickford	Joshua Pickerin	Nich^l Knight
Moses Furbur	George Coolbroth	Jethro Bickford
John Downing Jun	John Stevens	Thomas Leighton
Joshua Downing	Samll Fabyan	James Coolbroth
Wm Huntries	Dependance Bickford	
Saml Huntris		

A Copy Examd per

Hen. Sherburne Cler assembly

[George Walton was dismissed from the H. of Rep. and a new election ordered, at which John Fabyan was elected.—ED.]

[7-208] [*Deposition of Hate-evil Nutter.*]

The Deposition of Hatevil Nutter of full age Testifieth and saith that on the 29th Day of March Last past being the Anual Meeting for the parrish of Newington: there was att said Meeting Verry Irrugaler Carrings-on of the Affars of the business of sd Meeting by Sundry being Tolerated as Voters that two that never were Rated in the Town and Some that had no Estate there known by which means they Obtain'd a Vote for the Choice of the Selectmen And upon the Accot of Such Irruglarities Several of the ffreeholders Desired: a Dissission of the Matter by a pole but was Denyed that privelidge

[7-207] [*Relative to a Road laid out in 1656.*]

Newington March 5th 1748

We the Subscribers Select Men of ye Town or Parish of Newington aforesaid have this day perambulated the Bounds of ye Road or high way granted by the Town of Dover in the year 1656—which takes its beginning at or near a place called Jeffrey Rag his house (as by Dover Town Book will more fully appear reference their to being had) in manner following vizt beginning four poles to the northward of a Stone wall between the Land of Samll and Jno Huntriss and Samuel Rawlins late of Newington aforesaid Deceased and running as the Fence runs to the head thereof keeping the distance of four poles from every part thereof and then South Sixty Six degrees west to the Road that lead's from Portsmouth to bloody point ferry then crossing the last mentioned road and running four poles distance from the fence on the south side of Joseph Rawlins Orchard and keeping that distance from the Fence through all the length of Samll Rawlins Land aforesaid to the north West Corner thereof and then through the land of ye Honorable John Downing Esqr South Sixty two degrees thirty minutes west to a hemlock tree standing in the Eastermost Corner of the Parsonage land which sd Hemlock Stands in the line between Portsmouth & Dover as it runn's from Canneys Cove to Hoggstye Cove and then keeping the line between the said Towns till it Comes to the old Road leading from Greenland to bloody point ferry

John Knight
Jno Downing Junr } Selectmen
Jethro Furbar

Copy Examin'd per Geo: Jaffrey Cl

[7-209] [*Deposition of Thomas Tibbetts.*]

The Deposition of Capt Thos Tibbetts of Dover in the Province of New Hampshire aged eighty eight years who Testifyeth & Saith that ever Since his Remembrance the Point of Land where Jonathan Battishals Dwelling house now stands in Newington, in the aforesaid Province was Commonly called & known by the name of Jeffry Raggs Point—

Thos Tibbetts

[7-210] [*Deposition of Abigail Richards.*]

The Deposition of Abigail Richards aged Seventy three years that about Sixty years ago or thereabouts the Deponant Remembered a high way people used down to the water Side on the Northerly Side where John Rawlingses House Stood and running down next to where Huntres fence now Stands & then running on fore side of Samll Rawlingses Orchard and from thence down on ye north of the Spring to the Slip at the waterside and the Deponant further saith that she very well remembers that people used to hall lumber down to the waterside by Huntress fence the Deponant being a Daughter of Rawlings & lived on the place or there abouts for forty years

the mark of
Abigail *H* Richards

[7-211] [*Deposition of Joseph Richards.*]

The Deposition of Joseph Richards of Rochester aged Seventy nine years testifyeth and saith that he being requested by Messrs John Knight & John Downing junr to give what Information he could concerning a high way lately laid out in the Parish of Newington by the Said Knight & Downing as Select-Men of Said Newington, as he is informed, having taken a View of the Said way where Said Knight Said it was laid out, Say's that upwards of fifty years Since he the Deponent was acquainted with the land Claimed by Rawlings and that when he first knew them lands there was a path used by Samuel Rawlins the Son of James Rawlins & others thro' the woods Some places in and others near by where said Road is now laid out down towards the River till they come to Said Samuels Inclosure and that after the Crop & graising of his field was done in the fall the Barrs laid open and that path used for carrying lumber to the River turning of to the northward in the Inclosure before they got ye River wher the way now is laid out & coming to it at the Slip abt thirty Rods above the Said Inclos-

ure not lying open in Summer Season & that Since (vizt) ab^{t} thirty three years ago a division of S^{d} Lands was made among the Heirs of the S^{d} James who open'd & used a Road for considerable time more northerly between the lands then of John Rawlins & Samuel Rawlins down to the River and the Deponant add's he lived with Samuel Rawlins a son of ye said Ja^{s} before this deponant was married who lived at the Same place—

[Sworn to in court of judicature at Portsmouth.—ED.]

[7-212] [*Inhabitants of Newington concerning said Road, 1753.*]

Province of Newhamp^{r}

To the Honorable the Justices of his Majesty^{s} Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace for Said Province holden at portsmouth Within and for Said Province on the first Tuesday of September 1753—

Humbly Shew the Inhabitants of Newington in Said Province—

That in the Year 1656 the Town of Dover in Said province Granted a Cart way of four Polls or rods wide from the water Side at Jaffrey^{s} Ragg his house and So into the wood^{s} to the Old Way Which way So Granted was then in the Township of Dover but now in Newington aforesaid and was many Years kept open and Used as people had Occation Without Interruption Untill Samuel Rawlins Late of Newington aforesaid yeoman Deceased Some few years before his Decease fenced up and Took that part of Said way which Runs by the Land he Claim^{d} into his Inclosure and in the Life time of the Said Samuel at his Majesty^{s} Sup^{r} Court of Judicature held at portsmouth Within and for Said province on the 24th Day of August 1748 By adjournment the Said Samuel Rawlins was Convicted and Adjudged Guilty of fencing Up and Incumbering the Said Way So far as his Lands run and in and by the Same Judgem^{t} it was Ordered that the Said Incumbrance Should be Removed & the Said Way Laid open but the Judgement of Said Court has not been Duly Executed and Notwithstanding the Said Conviction and order of the Said Court Allice the widow Relict of the Said Deceased and Samuel his Son who are in possession of his Estate Continue the Said Incumbrance and will not Suffer the Same to be Removed whereby not Only the Said Inhabitants of Newington but all Other his majesty^{s} Subjects are Deprived of

their Right of passing and Repassing at Said place as they have Occation That the Said Way is Very Necessary and would be of Great Conveniency to the Publick if Opened for that there is no publick way or passage to the River from the old way above mentioned nor aCross the Particular Lotts but this above Granted for near three Miles and there is no Obstruction to or in Any Other part thereof than what was made By the Said Samuel Deceased and Continued as aforesaid Wherefore the Said Inhabitants pray the advisement of the Said Courts in the Premisses that your Honours Would Order the Said Incumbrance to be Removed that the Said Inhabitants and Others may Enjoy the Priviledge of Said Way and not Suffer Private Persons to possess Lands Granted and Appropriated to Such a Necessary Publick Use By

Moses Furbur } their
Ellephalett Dam } agents

A True Copy att^t H Wentworth Cle^r

[7-213]

A Schedule of The Mens Names Petitioners of The Town of Newington

Joseph Adoms	John Pickrin	Richd Furber
John Fabyan	John Downing Junr	Jethro Furber
Jam^s Pickrin	John Knight Junr	John Nutter
Eleazer Coalman	Edward Walker	Jam^es Nutter
Joshua Pickrin	Jonathan Huntris	Benj^a Colbroth
Jam^s Colbroth	Joseph Rawlings	Sam^ll Nutter
Richd Downing	Thom^s Bickford	Nich^o Night
John Hoyt	Sam^ll Shackford	Lem^ll Bickford
Joshua Trickey	Anthony Nutter	Jon^o Trickey
Sam^ll Fabyan	Jonathan Downing	George Walton
Harrisson Downing	Nehe^m Furber	Christopher Huntris
Wm Shackford	Moses Furber	Wm Huntris
Jethro Bickford Junr	Thom^s Laighton	Seth Ring
Thom^s Pickrin	Eliphelet Dam	Edward Rawlins
Richd Downing Junr	Richd Dam	Phin^s Coalman
Joseph Pickrin	Josiah Downing	Benj^a Miller
Hatevil Nutter Junr	Junr	Jonathan Batteshal

[7-214] [*Deposition of George Walton.*]

The Deposition of Geo Walton of Newington in the province of Newhamp^re Esqr of ffull Age Testifieth and Saith that Some Years past he was att the house of Sam^ll Rawlings Late of Newington Dec^d (and in the time of his Mothers life) and

was Called there by him and his aforesaid Mother m^rs Rebecca Rawlings in Order to make a Settlement of the Estate amongst the Childerin of her the Said Rebecca att which time the Said Deponant Asked the S^d Rebecca the reason of her Son Samuel haveing a Wider quantity of the Land then the Other Breatherin, upon which She the S^d Mrs Rawlings Said there was a Road or high way to come out of her Son Samuels part, of four Rodds Wide Whereupon I the I Said Deponant asked S^d m^rs Rawlings Where abouts the S^d way was upon which She came to the Door and pointed her hand toward huntrisses Land and Said itt was Over upon that Side—

George Walton

[Sworn to before John Downing, justice of the peace.—ED.]

[7-220] [*Deposition of Samuel Huntress.*]

The Deposition of Samuel Hunttriss of Newington in the Proviance of Newhampshire aged Sixty Six years of age testifyeth & Saith that he was well knowing to the Land of Rawlings & to the Point that is Called Jaffry Raggs Point & that my father and my mother & old mis Rawlings told me that Jaffry Ragg did Live upon the Point Nigh where Jonathan BatterShill Dwelling house Now Stands & I was with the Sons of the Said Rebeka in making their Diveding fences and did not hear any one of them Say any thing about a high way Going through the Said John or Samuels Land but I Did hear old mis Rawlings Say theire wos to goe a high way through hir Sons Joseph Lald from the Point where Jaffry Raggs house Did Sand and the Depoant further Sayeth That he Rembers when that old Rawlings old house did Stand over where they have Laid the high way which is in the middle of the Said way where it Is now Laid and I Remember that Joseph Richards had one or two Children born in it & I did help take the Same Down and did help Cary the Same over and Raise the Same up between their Dwelling house and learn that it is now Standing where the Said alice and Samuel hir Son does now live & further say not

his
Samuel X Hunttriss
mark

[7-215] [*Proceedings of Court of General Sessions, 1758.*]

Province of Newhamp^r

At his Majesty^s Court of Generall Sessions for the Peace Holden at portsmouth Sep^tr the 4th 1753—

Upon Reading the Complaint of the Inhabitants of Newington against Allice Rawlins & Samuel Rawlins for Incloseing a high Way Ordered by the Court that Allice Rawlins, & Samuel Rawlins be Served with a Copy of this Complaint and Order thereon that they May Shew Cause if Any they have why this motion may not be Granted at the Next Term

Att H Wentworth Clark

And the Said Allice & Samuel Come into Court and Say that they have no Objection to Make against the High Way Granted by the Town of Dover in the Year 1656 be Opened and all Incumbrances be Removed there from so far as the Same is within the Land[s] in Possession of the Said Allice & Samuel

per M. Livermore their attorney

Prov[e] of New Hamp[e]

At his Majesty[s] Court of Generall Sessions for the Peace Holden at portsmouth Decemb[r] 4th 1753—

The Inhabitants of Newington Informants adv. Allice Rawlins & Sam[ll] Rawlins

By Cont[s] from Last Term to this by Order of Court that Allice Rawlins and Samuel Rawlins be Served with a Copy of this Motion to Answer this Term if they See Cause at which Term the Said Allice and Samuel appeared and Pleaded as on file and thereupon the Court appointed Samuel Hart and Daniel Pierce Esq[rs] both of portsmouth and Thomas Westbrook Waldron of Dover Gentleman to open the Said Way According to the Grant as they Shall apprehend it was and to Remove all Incumbrances thereon so far as the Said way Lies within the Possession of the Said Allice & Samuel or Either of them and Make Return of their doeing herein to this Court as Soon as may be Under this or any two of their hands—

A True Copy att H Wentworth Clark

Prov. of Newhamp[r]

Pursuant to the within appointment We the Subscribers haveing heared the parties and the Evidences opened the way and laid it Out as follow[s] Viz[t] Begining at the Side of Piscataqua River four polls to the Northward of the Division fence between the Land of Sam[l] Huntress & others on the South Side and allice & Samuel Rawlins on the North Side And Run the Said Road as the Said fence runs to the Westerly Corner of the Said Huntress possession keeping the Distance of four Rods from Every part of Said fence then South Sixty five Degrees West thro[o] the Land of Allice and Samuel Rawlins aforesaid

four Rods wide to the Road that Leads from portsmouth to Bloody Point ferry then Crossing Said Road and Running four Rods wide on the North Side of the Said Allice and Samuel Rawlins their Land to the westerly End thereof keeping the Distance of four Rods Southward from Every part of the Dividing fence between the Land[s] of the Said Allice and Samuel and the Heirs of Joseph Rawlings Deceased N 3 That Samuel Hart Esq[r] was With us when we Divided the Land and heared the parties & Evidences Contending

D Pierce
Tho[s] W. Waldron

A True Copy att[t] H Wentworth Cle[r]

[7-216] [*Proceedings of Court, 1754.*]

Prov: of New Hamps[r]

At His Majesty[s] Court of General Sessions for the Peace Holden at Portsm[o] In & for Said Province on the First Tuesday in June being the 4th Day of Said month 1754—

Present

The Honb[le] Daniel Warner
Joseph Simpson
Clem[t] march
Sampson Sheaf
Josh[a] Peirce
Rich[d] Jennes
Tho[s] Wibird &[ca]
} Esq[rs] Just[s]

The Inhabitant[s] of Newington in the Province of New Hampshire Compl[ts] adv[s]—

Allice Rawlins & Samuel Rawlins both of Said Newington in Said Province Respt[s]—

at the Term before the Last Continued for the Committee to make Report of their Laying open the high Way &[ca]

at the Last Term Continued to this by order of Court for to Enquire about the Return of the high Way—

at this Term ordered by the Court that the Return of the high Way be and hereby is Received and approved off as per Return on file

It is therefore Considered by the Court that the Report of the Committee of the high Way is hereby Received and that the high Way be opened According to Law Immediately—

A True Copy att[t] H Wentworth Cle[r]

[7-217] [*Report of Committee on said Road, 1755.*]

Province of New Hampshire

Whereas we the Subscribers being of a Committee appointed by the Hon^le ye Council & house of Representatives of S^d Province on the 9th of April 1755 to Examine into a way lying in the Township of Newington in Said Province, concerning which way Alice Rawlins Wid^o and Samuel Rawlins Husbandman are Petitioners—

We of ye Committee have accordingly examined into the Way afores^d & having heard the Evidences on both Sides and for Report—Say—That the Said Way (being a four Rod Cart Way) ought to begin at a Point on which the House of one Battishall now Stands which appears to us by the Return & other Evidences to be the Point formerly called Jaffrey Raggs Point and from the Water Side there to take its beginning & run upon a South West & by West Line into the Woods to the old Way agreeable to the return made by Lieut^t Hall and Sargent Furber anno 1656 were appointed for that purpose by the Town of Dover

Portsm^o Sepr ye 17th 1755

Sampson Sheafe } Committee
Jos: Newmarch }

m^r Israell Gilman one of the Committee Consented to the above report but was not present to Sign it

attest, Sampson Sheafe

[Documents numbered 221 and 222 in manuscript volume are plans relating to foregoing.—Ed.]

[7-223] [*Relative to Line between this town and Portsmouth, 1763.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Captain General Governor & Comm^r in Chief in & over His Majestys Province of New Hampshire The Honble His Majestys Council, and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened, Decr 13th 1763.

The humble Petition of John Knight Esqr and John Pickerin Husbandman Inhabitants of, and Agents for, the Parish of Newington in the said Province Sheweth

That in the year 1713 the said Parish was first legally Set of & Seperate from Dover

That in 1714, for the better Direction of Constables in Collecting Publick Taxes &c, the General Court upon due Consideration fixed the Bounds of Newington aforesaid as follows Viz^{t} From Piscataqua River by the Inhabitants following Viz^{t} James Gray, Henry Bennet, Joseph Johnson Samuel Thompson and Thomas Pickerin upon the Great Bay, And Ordered that those Inhabitants with the Lands and Estates they then lived upon & whosoever sho^{d} live upon them thereafter or build within the Limits aforesaid sho^{d} pay their parish Taxes to Newington

That the aforesaid Boundarys so determined by the General Court is so Crooked and uncertain as to be matter of great Dispute between Newington and the Town of Portsmouth, which matter might be remedied by fixing a Streight Line from Grays at Piscataqua River to Pickerins Farm at the Great Bay.

That the Owners and Possessors of the Lands and Farms upon the said Line have not any Objection as your Pet^{rs} apprehend to the Line last mentioned.

Wherefore your Petitioners pray your Excellency and Honours to take the premises into Consideration And that the said Line last mentioned may for the future be the proper Boundary between the said Parish of Newington and Town of Portsmouth

And your Pet^{rs} will Ever pray &c

John Knight Juner
John Pickreng

[In H. of Rep., May 9, 1764, Simeon Dearborn, of Greenland, was appointed to make a plan of the boundary line as it then was, and report.—Ed.]

[R. 3–34]

[Nathaniel Ham, in a petition dated April 4, 1761, stated "that he enlisted as a Volunteer in the Late Expedition for the Total Reduction of Canada under the Command of Capt George March," and "did much work in Clearing the Road from N° four to Crown Point until he broke two of his ribs." He was omitted in making up the muster-roll, and asked to have it rectified.—Ed.]

[R. 3–35] [*Military Officers chosen, 1775.*]

Newington Octo 1775.

By order of Congress the Commitey of Newington assembled the people together and chose their officers first Saml Shackford

& Secondly Willm Furber thirdly Eze^{l} Gilman Adams forthly Christopher Nutter they all Decling to Accept under Mr Eph^{m} Pickering as Second Major the Commishons being Delivered to us we Still deny accepting them under the said Pickering

Saml Shackford
Wm Furbur

[7-224] [*Benjamin Adams's Communication.*]

To the Honourable Joshua Wentworth Esqr Sir I understand you have not thought me worthy of your Notic in appointing me a Justice of the Peace in the County, notwithstanding the Importunitise of my friends: and If my memory Serveth me Right you gave me Great Encouragement your Self but all I find is Subsided: I understand you have had the advise and Councel of *Hushai:* who Counceled against Ahitophel which has turned against me I understand there has been many Objections against me by my Enemies I Know them and I Shall Set a mark upon them as was Set upon Cain when he Slew his Brother Abel because his ways were Righteous and his wicked: I understand One Great Objection is that I was not friendly in the beginning of the Revolution. I Confess I Did not Step forward at first for many Good Reasons which I Could offer If time and paper would allow being acquainted with History both Civil and Sacred. I was afraid to act as forwardly as Some have Done Least I Should offend against God and the Dictates of my Own Concience my Estate has Done Its part or more Sir you may Remember twelve Dollers in hard money being in your hands in a Lottery way you advanced to help the troops when In distress in Canaday and I was Paid in Paper with a Considerable Loss: I understand it is Objected that there is two Justices in Newington It being a Small town two was Sifficient I may Justly Say that there is not one Properly Speeking, for Richard Downing Esqr has not Taken the Oath nor will he If he must Pay a Doller for his Commision as he told me him Self and the Other is as the Learned Observeth: *Vox Et Preteria Nihil:* I am afraid that you Gentlemen in authority are Runing into the Old Error In promoteing of men without Knowlage or Goodnes and Neglecting men of Learning and Religion which is a great Error When the Righteous are in authority the People Rejoice; but when the wicked bare Rule the People mourn. another Objection is the people in Newington are against me I know it what is the reason It is not against my morral Carracter nor Capasity in a Civil or Religious way for I have Served them as a Church Officer more than thirty years and Near twenty in a Civil List Sir I will Give you a Short Detail on the matter In

the year 1778 the Select men Cam to Pay my father his Salary for one year which was one hundred Silver Dollers which they had Paid: for A number of years and no more being onely one third of his Sallery yearly and they Brought him a hundred paper Dollers in the Lue there of which was onely Seven Pounds ten Shillings by the Scale and he Refused to Give them a Discharge in full and the town Passed a Vote Not to Pay him any more Salary till he Did Give them a Discharge in full and they Paid him no more to the time of his Death and I was In duty bound to Support him to the time of his Death; and then to burrey him without any assistance from the town and Some years Since his Death the town has Compounded with me and has Given their Security for though an Inferiour Sum which is the Cause of their Malice against me as to my being an Enemy to my Countery I Deny the Charge I always was and Ever have been Redy and willing to Defend it in Person and Estate and am Now Redy and willing to Support Government provided I am properly treeted and promoted by those in authority or Otherwise I Shall be Discouraged and Probeblly may let matters take their Course without my Intermedling in those matters I apprehend it is a poor time to mak Enemies against Government the Country is full of them alredy to my Certain Knowlage and I fear the Consequence If Som thing Is not Done Speedily: for the President and Counsel to hear the nonsensical Rabble agains Men of Influenc is Strange and Surpriseing: I Ever have Given my Vote for Cor^r Wentworth for a Senator and Ever Expected to Use my Influenc for him in that Office but If matters turn agains me in this way I have Done. I steped forward the Other Day to Support Government and was the Second man to Coll Brewster who Stoped the Insurgents at the Bridg till we were properly Re in forsed by General Silley and Others to the hasard of my Life and hors against their Naked bayonets, but the Poor mans Councel and assistance is Dispised as the Good old mans Councel was, that Saved the City which we have an account of in Scripture Sir by your Keeping Me out of power may prevent My Doing a Great Deel of Good to Government and my fellow men which I Should Rejoice to Serve Provided there is or may be proper Encouragement; two Justicies in Newington is too many; there is four in Greenland and two in one house and No objection against it but two in Newington is too many I remember four Coroners appointed in Newington Successively and not one of them Could Draw up an Inquisition without my help and Some in the Civil List are as Insufficient to DisCharge their office without my assistance I think these thing are an Error in those in Comand: Sir I would not have you think I am Set up for a Dictator to those in Government I onely wist to show Matters in a Clear light

Strictly Speeking I Do not want [torn off] to any Set of men Onely I wish to be properly Respected by those in authority I am a free Citizen and am Dependent [torn] I Should think that the recommendation of John Pickering Esqr and Other Gentle men in the Neighbouring towns of my acquaintanc migt have more Influence in the Councel than the Rabble party in Newington I fear Government may be Called on again to Disperse the Insurgent and If that Should be the Caise I believe I Shal Endevour to Sleep in a whole Skin and not medle where I have no authority but I hope matters will be to my Satisfaction I Subscribe My Self a true friend to Government and would Recommend to my Self and all under my Influence to Remember the words of the aPostle Paul in 13th Chapter of Romans Let Every Soul be Subject to the higher Powers for the Powers that be are ordained of God and So onwards.

Benjamin Adams—

P S Sir If you Please you may Communicate these Lines to the President and Counce when you See them if you think best or otherwise.

[7-225] [*Relative to the election of Representative, 1782.*]

To the Honorable House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire in General Assembly Convean'd—

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants & Freeholders of Newington in the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid—qualified by the law of Said State to Vote in Electing Representative Humbly Shews that Your Petitioners togather with Other Inhabitants & freeholders of Said Newington aforesaid Qualified as aforesaid being Notified Agreeable to the Preceipt to the Selectmen of Said Newington Directed & Agreeable to the Common Custom Met in Said Newington on Monday the Ninth Day of December Instant One O'Clock afternoon Two of the Selectmen being Present Read the Preceipt & then the Notification & Desired the People to bring in their Votes for a Moderator to Govern Said Meeting Capt Ephraim Pickering Came forward & Said no man had any Right to Vote in any Matter or thing but such as had Taken a Certain Oath which he then Produced Said Oath Being Read Many of the People had Taken the Same Oath—Others Said they had no Objection Against Taking Said Oath—But to be Deprived of the Priviledge of Voting in Town Meeting Because they Could not Swallow an Oath at first Sight without Consideration was Depriving them of One of their Most Valueable Rights that a free People Ought to Enjoy then the People Proceeded to the

Choice of a Moderator & Voted for Benj^{a} Adams Esqr & Capt Ephraim Pickering Equal Votes but by a Despute arising about a Moderator—Benj^{a} Adams Esqr Refused Taking the Seat But Capt Eph^{m} Pickering took the Seat & then Proceeded to the Choice of a Representative Capt Eph^{m} Pickering Being Moderator alow'd on his part any Person to Vote whither Under Oath or Not—But the Oppersite Party was Denyed Voteing without Taking Said Oath by which Means Capt Eph^{m} Pickering was Declared Chosen Representative in Newington On which Declaration Benj^{a} Adams Esqr Came Forward & Requested the favour of Entering a Dissent against the Proceedings of Said Meeting as being Conterary to Law & the Constitution which we are now under Said Dicent Being Enter'd by fourteen or More of the Inhabitants then present therefore we the Subscribers are humbly of the Opinion that the Said Capt Eph^{m} Pickering is not Legally Chosen to Represent them in General Assembly & Ought not to have a Seat in Your Honourable House & Ought to be Dismised from Said House and we Request that You Send Out to Said Newington a New Preceipt to Chuse a Representative to Represent them in General Assembly Your Petitioners wait Your Honourable Decision on Said Petition as in Duty Bound will Ever Pray

Newington December ye 12th 1782

Benjamin Adams } Selectmen
Timothy Dame } of
James Pickering } Newington

William Furbur	Jethro furbur	Issachar Dam
Hatevil Nutter jur	Joseph Hodgdon	Benjamin Hodgdon
Eliphelet Dam	Anthony Vincent	Sam^{ll} Walker
Hatevil Nutter 3^{d}	Nathan Huntriss	John Nutter
Ebenezer Nutter	Joseph Colbath	Joseph Quint
Nathaniel Nutter	John Vincent	Thomas Quint
Samuel Dame	Ichabod Bickford	Nickoles Pickering
Hatevil Nutter	Nathan Webb Adams	Sam^{ll} Shackford
William Vincent	John Shackford	Samuel Rawlings
Levi Furbur		

[7-226] [*Petition for authority to send a Representative, 1784.*]

State of New-Hampshire

To the hon^{ble} the Councel and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly conven'd on the 30th day of March 1784

Humbly shew the subscribers being more than a majority of legal voters in the Town of Newington in the County of Rockingham and State afores^{d}, that, the Inhabitants have had and exercised the Right and privilege of sending a Representative to the General Court for more than sixty years past—that tho' the number of voters for the choice of a Representative is short of what the new constitution of government requires in order to send a Representative yet the said Town is so situated as renders their being classed with any other Town, Parish or Place very inconvenient Wherefore your Petit^{rs} pray that a Writ may issue to s^{d} Town to elect and send a Representative to the General Court and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Richd Downing	Josiah Downing	Joseph Adams 3^{d} Esqr
William Stoodly	James pickering	Jonathan W Nuter
Samuel Fabyan	Jonathan Quint	Noah Rawlings
John Fabyan	Joseph Quint	Joseph Hodgdon
John Gee Pickreing	Thomas Quint	Dudleye Adams
Jonathan Trickey	John Hodgdon	Joseph Hight
George Laighton	Benj^{a} Pickring	John Adams
Step^{e} J^{o} Thomas	Richd Peckering	Joseph Rollings
Benja Hodgdon	Christopher Nutter	Henry Hart
Valintine Pickering	Epheraim Pickering	Zebelon Wille
William Brassbridge	Sam^{ll} Fabyan Juner	George Huntriss
John Hoyt	Thomas Nutter	Joseph Trickey
Joseph Adams	Sam^{ll} Walker	Joseph Huntriss
John Pickreng	Dennis Hight	Joseph Pattinson
John Stevens	Joel Laighton	Benjamin Dame
Seth Huntriss	William Pickring	Joseph Pattinson Dame
Samuel Rawlings	James Nutter	Noah Huntriss
Benj^{a} Hoyt	Lem^{l} B. Mason	Bartholomew Downing
Joshua Downing	Bening Colbath	Benjamin Miller
Samuel Downing	Thomas Pinder	
Richard Downing	John Pickering Juner	
Willm Huntriss		

[In H. of Rep., March 31, 1784, the petition was granted, and a precept ordered to be issued.—Ed.]

[7-229] [*Communication from Benjamin Adams, 1786.*]

Newington Decr 28 : 1786

Sir I Have been Informed that Some Expressions in the Letter I Wrote to you some time past when Laid before the President and Counsel has Given some Umbrace to Some Gen-

tlemen in Councel which I am Exceeding Sorry for If any such Expressions were Looked on as affrontive I am sorry for It: I Did not mean any such thing. I must Confess I felt some thing warm against Some of my Enemies in my own town when I wrote s^d^ Letter and Did not think so prudently as probably I might have Done All such Expressions as are Imprudent and affrontive I am Sorry for and do ask His Exellencies and the Councls Pardon praying that they may forgive Every thing that has been offered as affrountive and Call it an error in Judgment or a Peccadillo and not a Crime unPardonable I am Redy and willing to Support Government and Defend it at this Critical time against all Invaders of our Sacred Rights: and should Rejoice to be Incouraged by authority so far that I might Do it with the Greatest Charefullness: I beg your Honours would take my matter Into your Serious Consideration again and grant me my request: I ad no more I Subscribe myself your true friend and Humble Sarvant at all times

Benjamin Adams

To Hon^r^ Joshua Wentworth Esqr

P S Sir—Be Pleased to Lay the above before the President and Counsel

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[7-231] [*Remonstrance to the Appointment of Mr. Adams.*]

To his Excellency John Sullivan Esquire, President of the State of New Hampshire, &c &c &c—

The Petition of sundry Persons Inhabitants and Freeholders, of the Town of Newington in said State, subscribing hereto, Humbly sheweth,

That your Petitioners have been informed that Mr Benjamin Adams of said Newington has been recommended by some person or persons, to your Excellency, to be appointed a Justice of ye Peace. They therefore beg leave with the greatest deference and submission to inform your Excellency, that said Mr Adams is quite unacceptable to the Inhabitants of the said Town in general, and as they conceive, to the People of the County at large. That it is with regret they thus express their sentiments of a person whom they do not wish to injure, but they feel themselves constrained to speak their minds from a regard to your Excellency, to prevent the effect of mistaken, or Partial Information, which they have Heard has been given, and from a regard to the public Good, which they have the fullest Confidence is the Object of your Excellency's

Conduct. They therefore humbly pray that the said Mr Adams may not be appointed to said Office, but that your Excellency would be pleased to appoint Mr Timothy Dame of said Town, or some other suitable person, acceptable to the People, and a Friend to his Country; as to your wisdom shall seem good; and they as in duty bound shall ever pray &c &c &c—

Dated in Newington January first 1787—

Benja Coleman	John Hodgdon	William Furbur
John Coleman	Henry Nutter	Dennis Hight
John Downing	Benja Hodgdon	Levi Furbur
James Pickering	Samll Fabyan Junr	Stephen Jonas thomas
John Pickering	James Nutter	
Paul Rawlings Junr	Absalom Pickering	Hatevil Nutter
Paul Rawlings	Benjamin Dame	Jethro furbur
Joseph Hodgdon	Benjamin Pickring	Joseph Hight
Christopher Nutter	John Gee Pickreing	Hatevil Nutter
Joel Leighton	Nehemiah Pickering	Wm Nutter
Noah Huntriss	Thomas Nutter	Nathaniel Nutter
Anthony Vincent	Mark Huntriss	Jethro Nutter
John Nutter	John Pickering Junr	Samuel Dame
Matthius Nutter Juner	Levi Pickering	Edward Brassbridge
	Jonathan Trickey	

[7-228] [*Certificate of George Gains relative to Mr. Adams, 1786.*]

State of New Hampshire Rockingham ss Portsmouth Jany 1786—

These may Certifie all Whom it doeth or may Concern that Benjamin Adams Esqr of Newington Was some time in the Year 1778 brought before the Committee of Safety for said State being Charged with Inimical Conduct towards his fellow Citizans in the Dispute with Brittain and after a full hearing (before said Committee) of his accusers he the said Adams Was honorably acquitted the Subscriber at that time had the honor of being one Said Committee

George Gains

[7-232] [*Petition for the Incorporation of a Library, 1797.*]

To the Honle the Senate and House of Representatives for the state of New Hampshire, in General Court Convened at Portsmouth December 1st AD 1797—

The Petition of the Subscriber in behalf of the Proprietors for forming Newington Social Library—Humbly Sheweth

That the said Proprietors some years ago formed themselves into a Society and have collected a Considerable number of Books, to which they are yearly making additions, by means of which they hope to promote and increase usefull knowledge among them, but finding themselves under Some disadvantages for want of being incorporated into a Body Politic, whereby they may be enabled to call upon each other, Your Petitioner therefore Prays your Honours that an Act may be passed Incorporating the said Society into a Body Politic, and as in Duty bound will ever pray—

Portsmouth Decr 1st 1797

Ephraim Pickering

[The petition was granted, and the library incorporated. —Ed.]

NEW IPSWICH.

The township was granted by the government of the Massachusetts Bay, in 1736, to some inhabitants of Ipswich in that province, as surveyed by Jonas Houghton. The settlement of the province boundaries in 1741 severed a small portion of the Massachusetts grant from the township. The Masonian proprietors' claim, being confirmed in 1745, annulled the aforesaid grant; but the proprietors under it, with others, applied to Col. Joseph Blanchard, agent for said Masonian proprietors, and succeeded in procuring a grant from them at a small expense, said grant being dated April 17, 1750. This grant varied somewhat from the former, but covered much of the same territory.

July 5, 1762, the proprietors chose Capt. Reuben Kidder to get the township incorporated, which he succeeded in doing,—a charter being granted by the governor and council, dated Sept. 9, 1762, to have continuance until Jan. 1, 1766, in which the town was named Ipswich.

Another act of incorporation was granted March 6, 1766, by the same authority, "to have Continuance during Our Pleasure by the Name of New Ipswich."

New Ipswich Academy was incorporated June 17, 1789, and was the second academy incorporated in this state.

Phillips Exeter Academy, being the first, was incorporated April 3, 1781.

[7-186] [*Petition for authority to levy a special tax to build a Meeting-House, 1762.*]

Province of New Hampshire

To His Excellency, Benning Wintworth Esqr and the Honorable His maj^{s} Counsel & House of Representatives—

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Ipswich Humbly Sheweth Whereas we, thy poor Petitioners, are Settled in the Wilderness, and Labour under many Inconveniences, which many new settlements are strangers to; Our Taxes are very heavy (considering our Poverty) we have not only a Tax to pay to the Province but our Minister, and other Taxes, which were formerly paid by the Propriety; must now be paid by a few poor Inhabitants: And Still our Burden must Infallibly Increase, as we are necessitated to Build a Meeting House, Since the House we now meet in will not Serve the Inhabitants, We thy Poor petitioners therefore (Judging it Impossible for us, to pay the Taxes which will be laid upon us, and Provide Necessary Sustenance for our families) Earnestly Pray, that you Would Consider us, Groaning under the weight of Our Burdens, and Grant us some Relief, by answering the following Humble Request (viz) that you would be Graciously pleased to Grant us a Land Tax, to Enable us to Surmount the aforementioned Difficulties; i. e. That you would be pleased to Lay a Tax, of one penny Sterling upon Each acre of Land Contained in this Town (or as much as shall be thought Reasonable by the Honorable Court) To be paid to the Town Treas^{r} Annually Dureing the Term of five Years, to Enable us to Build the afore Mentioned Meeting House; we Likewise pray that you would Order the same Method of Gathering s^{d} Tax as was formerly Used in the Propriety (viz) by sale of the Delinquents Land at publick Vendue, we would Inform the Honorable Court that the Proprietors Voted their willingness that the above Tax should be Laid upon the Lands* We therefore pray that you would harken to our Humble Petition, the answer of which will Greatly Oblige y^{r} Humble and Obedient Servants

Dated at Ipswich Octob^{r} ye 22^{d} Anno Dom. 1762—

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*At a Proprietors meeting legally notified at Ipswich ye 18th of Octobr Instant; the Proprietors of Ipswich voted their willingness To have a Tax of one penny Sterling money Laid upon each acre of Land Contained in said Ipswich to be paid annually for the Term of five years

Jonas Woolsen, Moderator

N. B. Sd vote is Signed by the Moderator by reason of the Clerks being absent

Abel Wright	Isaac How	Benj^{a} Hoar
Thomas Fletcher	Peter Fletcher	moses Tucker
Robert Waugh	Andrew Spaulding	John Preston
Samu^{ll} parker	Kendall Briant	Robert Crosby
Francis Fletcher	Hezekiah Cory	Reuben Kidder
William Clary	Robbert Cambel	James French
Aaron Kidder	William Speer	Ebenezer Heald
Joseph Kidder	Benj^{a} Gibbs	Ebene^{r} Bullard
John Dutton	william Sanderson	Jonas woolson
Jonah Crosby	Joseph Bullard	Benjamin Safford
Asa Bullard	Andrew Conn	Elias Stone
albe severance	Reuben Taylor	Samuel whittemore
John Chandler	Joel Crosby	

[7-187] [*Remonstrance of Non-Residents to foregoing.*]

To His Excellency Bening Wintworth Esqr The Honourable His Majestys Councel and House of Representatives of ye Provence of New Hampshire—

May It pleas your Exelency and Honours we ye Subscribers of Ipswich in ye Provence of ye Massachusets Bay & Sum of ye Propriaters of Ipswich In ye Provence of Newhampshire, have Ben Informed that A Numbar of ye Inhabitance of the same Ipswich have Petitioned your Exelency and Honours, that a Tax of one Penney Starling p^{r} acer be Layd on all ye Lands, in s^{d} Township for ye space of five years to buld them A Nother Meeting House which will be A bought Ten Thousand pounds Hamshare Money, which will buld one Large A Nough to Acomade them all with Pews with out Aniey Tax on thare poals personal Estate—or Improved Lands More than they Desire to have Layd on our Wild Land that Lays on Rocky Mountains and spruce Swamps—which we Aprehend Is so Unreasonable, that it Is surprising to Us that aniey should presume to Aske it of your Honours of whom thay have no Reason to Expecte aniey thing But what Is A Greeable to ye strictest Justis and Equity—But It will a pear more Strange when your Honours are Informed that we have Given ye Inhabetance our best Lotts on Conditions of there settleing thare on bulding a meeting house &c—which thay have Don & so Holde thare Lands there for, but now Complain thare House is two Small, if it be it is thare own folte They should have Bulte it Biger, and It is our Humble Opinion that it is more Reasonable that thay should in Large thare House that is so New then to pool it Down and for us to Buld them A nother,

Inasmuch as ye Charge of preaching setleing A Minister Clearing Mending ways Bulding Brigis &c—Haith ben all Defrayd by a Land Tax which Haith ben very Expenceive and of Long Continuance. Wharefore your petitioners Humbly pray that your Exelency and Honours would Not Lay so Heaviey and as we humbley Conceve Unnesary A Burdon on Us, all which is Humbley Submited by your Exelency & Honours Moust Humble Servents—

Daited at Ipswich April 25, 1763

Samuel Wigglesworth	Nehemiah Portor	Jeremiah Perkins
Francis Choate	Thomas Adams	Westly Perkins
Isaac Appleton	William Brown	
	Nathanel Safford	

[7-188] [*Relative to paying a Committee to locate the Meeting-House, 1768.*]

Gentlemen

I am to let you know that the General Assembly are Informed that you hitherto Neglect and Refuse to pay the Committee Sent by the General Assembly to Establish the Place where your Meeting House is to Stand The Cost of which Committee by the Vote of the Assembly you were Order'd to pay And your Refusing so to do seems to be in Contempt of that Authority

I am therefore to let you know that the General Assembly Expect that without Delay you pay said Committee their Demands And such Other Charges as may have Arisen in Consequence of your neglect hitherto

Portsmouth New Hamp^e

In the House of Representatives May 26, 1768

By Order M Weare Cl^r

To the Selectmen of New Ipswich

N B. Said Com^tees Acco^t is three Pounds Sixteen Shillings

[A committee, consisting of Col. John Goffe, Dr. John Hale, and James Underwood, was appointed Sept. 22, 1767, to locate the meeting-house. This was done in answer to a petition of a portion of the inhabitants. Said committee located it "where the Meeting House now is."—Ed.]

[7-189] [*Petition to have Amherst made the Shire Town of the County, 1769.*]

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esq, Capt Genl Governor & Commander &c of the Province of new Hampshire, To the Honorable his Majestys Council and Asembly of said Province

We Inhabitants of New Ipswich in said Province Beg Leave to Return your Excellency and Honors our most hearty Thanks for the prudence & Wisdom you have Exhibited in forming the lines of middle County so agreeable to Nature, We think it is Done to the best advantage; and Humbly Thank your Excellency & Honors for appointing Amherst Shire Town as we think the County may be well accommodated there—

And pray that there may not be one Town more Annexed to this County, for if it should we think it would give Birth to Confusion—We as in Duty bound will ever pray—

Dated April 10th 1769—

Aaron Kidder	Kendall Briant	Benjamin Wheat
John Preston	Stephen Adams	John Dutton
Jonathan Dix	John walker	Jona Davis
Ezra Town	Isaac How	Charles Barrett
John Cutter	Francis Fletcher	Simeon Bullard
Ephraim Adams	William Speer	Benjamin Adams
Joseph Bates	moses Tucker	Edmond Towne
Peltiah whittemore	Benja Hoar	Joshua Thomson
Joseph Kidder	Jonas Woolson	Georg Sterrt
Levi Adams	Thomas Wright	Barnes Dana

[7-190] [*Vote of Town relative to Lots, 1772.*]

At a meeting of the Proprietors of the Township of New Ipswich in ye County of Hillsborough in ye Provence of New Hampshire—Held at the House of Josiah Rogerses Inholder in Said New Ipswich on the thirtyeth Day of December A D: 1772

It was Voted to Raise fifty three Pound Lawfull money to pay those Persons who have Suffered by haveing there Lotts Cutt by Sliptown & Rindge Linds as Voted to Each Sufferer by the Proprietors also Voted to Chuse a Committee to Prefer a Petition to the General Court for to Enable the Proprietors to Colect the money they have Voted to Raise to pay those Persons who have Suffered by haveing there Lotts Cutt by Slip town and Rindge Lines and the Charge that Shall arise by Effecting

that matter to final Determination as His Excellency and Honours Shall Diecrict

Chosen for Said Committee Reuben Kidder Esqr Capt Benjamin Hoar & Isaac Appleton—

atte^{s} p^{r} Isaac Appleton Proprietors Clerk

[7-191] [*Petition relative to same.*]

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over His Majestys Provence of New Hampshir, and to the Honourable His Majestys Council, and House of Representatives in General Court assembled at Portsmouth—

The Petition of the Proprietors of the Township of New Ipswich in the County of Hillsborough in S^{d} Provence Humbly Sheweth—

That your Petitioners at there first Settlement Lotted out and Devided the whole of the Land in Said Township and Some time after it was Discovered that a Number of S^{d} Lotts ware run over the Line of Said Township in to the Township of Temple and of Rindge the whole of the Land being Devided in the Said Township of New Ipswich it is not in the Power of S^{d} Proprietors to make up those Rights in Land therefore Said Proprietors at there meeting Leagally Held for that Purpose Voted to make up those Rights that had been Partly taken into Temple and Rindge as afforesaid equal to other Rights by Giveing them that is each Sufferer the Value of the Land so Cutt off in money and accordingly Voted fifty three Pound Lawfull money which Sum is as S^{d} Proprietors Judge the Value of the Land which is so Lost as afore Said but as S^{d} Proprietors apprehend that they are not able by Law to Colect the money Voted for the Use above Said therefore you Petitioners Humbly pray your Excellency and Honours to take there Case under your wise Considaration and Lay the above Said Tax on the Lands in Said Township of New Ipswich for the Use above Said with the Cost your Excellency and Honours Shall Judge will nessarily arise or other wise Grant Relief as your Excellency and Honours in your Wisdom Shall See meet and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray

Reuben Kidder
Benj^{a} Hoar
Isaac Appleton
} Commitee for S^{d} Proprietors

N B the Proprietors when they Raised money have made it there practice that the third and fouth Devetion have paid ondly

Equel to one 1st & 2d Devision that is 2 66 acre Lott have paid but one third part of the Taxes of a Right

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[7-197] [*Petition for Pay for Service in the War.*]

To the General Court of the State of New-Hampshire

Humbly shew the Inhabitants of the Town of New-Ipswich in said State, that they been since the commencement of the late American War at very great expence, and have been singular sufferers thereby, without receiving any compensation or consideration whatever, either from this State or this Continent therefor—

The said Inhabitants therefore humbly offer the Account in the Schedule herewith exhibited, for the mature deliberation and allowance of this Honorable Court, as containing not a single Article for which they have received the least value—They are ready, if this Honorable Court should judge necessary, to produce Vouchers for a further support of the Charges in said Account, if the Subscriptions and Oaths thereto, or the present attestations are not sufficient.—And therefore the said Inhabitants humbly pray that this Court would allow the said Account as it now stands, or that a day may be given as this Hon'ble Court shall appoint; and that the proof of the Articles and Charges in said Account may be admitted and if proved beyond a possibility of a doubt to this Hon'ble Court, that they would grant the same, is all the said Inhabitants wish for or desire—And as in duty bound will ever pray—

Noah Cooke—

in behalf & by order of the Committee of said Town chosen for the above purpose

[R. 3-37]

Persons that went to Cambridge in April A. D. 1775, on the alarm of the battle at Concord, their time and expenses:

	Days		Days
Thomas Heald, Capt.	13.	*Jesse Carleton	13.
* Ezra Town, Lieut.	00.	Jno. Brown Jr	7.
Joseph Parker, "	13.	Joseph Wright	7.
Hezekiah Corey Ensign	6.	* Samuel Soper	13.
William Start Clerk	13.	Stephen Davis	5.
Isaac How, Seg't.	13.	Robert Cambell	3.
Saml. Whittemore	3.	Thos Brown	13.
Simeon Hildrith	7.	Jonas Wheeler	7.
Ebenr Brown	2.	*Josiah Brown Sgt.	13.

Jonas Willson Jr	7.	* Benj. Williams	13.
Simeon Gould	4.	* Josiah Walton	13.
Jona. Davis	4.	Leonard Parker	7.
Joseph Pollard	13.	Joseph Tinney	5.
Francis Fletcher	10.	Wm Faris	7.
Nathl Pratt	9.	Ephraim Foster	8.
Edmd Bryant	5.	Daniel Foster	13.
William Hodgkins	5.	Samuel Foster	8.
James Chandler	5.	* Timo. Stearns	13.
Jon. Brookes Serjt	13.	Benja Gibbs	8.
Jno. Cutter	11.	* Supply Wilson	13.
Nathl Swain	9.	Saml. Kinney	13.
Timo Wheelock	4.	Jno. Melvin	5.
Joel Wheelock	8.	* David Melvin	13.
Nathl Reed	5.	Josiah Davis	5.
Benja Hoar	7.	Allen Breed	13.
Aaron Chamberlain	9.	Jona. Wheet	7.
Rev. Stephen Farrar	30.	Whitcomb Powers	13.
Elijah Flagg	6.	Joseph Bates	5.
Timo Farrar	5.	Chas. Barrett	1.
Jno. Wilkins	5.	Isaac Appleton	5.
Danl Mansfield	5.	Reuben Kidder	5.
Peter Fletcher	5.	Jereh Underwood	7.
Jno. Sartell	8.	Benj. Pollard	13.
Abel Miles	13.	Abrm Abbott	13.
Wm Speer	6.	Josiah Rodgers	5.
* Elijah Davis	13.	Saml Haywood	5.
David Sanders	8.	Thos Farnsworth	8.
Joseph Warren	5.	Stephen Parker	5.
Moses Tucker	2.	Nathl Stone	5.
Thomas Fletcher	5.	Timo. Fox	4.
Danl Clary	6.	Nathl Farr	13.
Isaac Farwell	5.	Saml Bartlett	3.
Timo Farwell	5.	James Barr	3.
Nathl Melvin	8.	Amos Boynton	7.
Jno. Walker	5.	Elear Cummings	5.
Wm Kendall	8.	Isaac Clark	5.
Danl. Stratton	5.	Wm Shattuck	3.
James Tidder	13.	Ephm Adams Jr	7.
* Nathl Carleton	13.	Robert Harkness	7.

Attest Thos Heald

State of New Hampshire. Hillsborough ss. Octr 17th 1785.

Personally appeared Thomas Heald. Edmund Briant and Joseph Parker and made solemn oath that this Account by them

severally subscribed is Just and true according to the best of their knowledge

Coram Tim° Farrar Just^e Pacis

[The whole account amounted to £124, 16. Those marked with a * enlisted in Capt. Archelaus Town's company, and were at the battle of Bunker Hill.—Ed.]

Persons that went on an alarm to Royalston State of Vermont, their time and expenses with horses,

Edmd Bryant Capt	Joseph Stickney Jr.	Eph^m Adams Jr
Isaac Clark Lieut	Benj^a Adams Jr	Elijah Davis
Benj Williams Lieut	Jn° Adams	Josiah Brown
Jer^h Prichard	Amos Baker	Thos Kidder
Thos Brown	Saml Speer	Thos Fletcher Jr
Josiah Walton	Wm Speer Jr—	Wm Clary
John Brown Jur.	Jn° Cutter	Edm^d Town
Silas Davis	Wm Prichard	
John Gould	Jon^a Fletcher	

Attest Edmund Briant

[They went on horses, were out four days, and travelled forty-five miles. The account amounted to £34, 10.—Ed.]

Cap Parkers Comp^y that went on towards Royalston on said alarm

Thos Hale Lieut Col.	Tim° Fox	Saml Fletcher
Joseph Parker Capt	Wm Shattuck	Stephen Adams Jr.
Moses Tucker Lieu^t	Jon^a Twist	Jn° Prat
James Chandler	Wm Hodgkins	Edwd Prat
Ens^n	Levi Farr	Nathl Prat
Jn° Brooks Serg^t	Nathl Farr	Isaac Farwell
Leonard Parker	Isaac Bartlet	Edm^d Farwell
Allen Breed Serg^t	Jotham Hoar	Jn° Gowing
Wm Faris	Eph^m Hildreth	Robert Cambell
Eben^r Knight	Joseph Warren	Thad Taylor
Enos Knight Jr.	Jesse Walker	Reuben Taylor
Saml Cumings	Amos Boynton	Hezek^h Hodg
Eben^r Fletcher	Joel Baker	Jn° Wheeler Jr
Thos Spaulding	Stephen Pierce	

[The foregoing were out with horses four days, travelled thirty-five miles, and the account amounted to £90, 2.—Ed.]

Flower Grain & Meet that was sent by the Town of New Ipswich to Cambridge on the alarm at Concord which was turned into the Publick or Continental store there

2000 weight Rie Flower	£12— 0—0
3 Barrels of Bread being 300 W^{t}	1—16—0
600 Weight of Pork	20— 0—0
four Bushels of Beans	1— 4—0
300 weight of Chese *a* 6^{d}	7—10—
	42—10—0
to six Oxen and two Men to Cambridge with a cart & Expences	6—

Horses lost in the American War

Capt Charles Barretts horse lost when Tie was evacuated	£12—
Jonas Wilsons horse at the alarm when Borgoin was taken	12—
Capt Francis Fletchers horse lost at the same time	12—
Francis Appletons horse lost at the same time	15—
Wm Clarys horse lost for a year and expences & time in obtaining his horse	4—
John Thomas^{s} Horse taken & impressed into the Continental Service	10—

A true account attest

Isaac Appleton
Thos Heald
Joseph Parker
Josiah Brown
} Committee

[The aggregate amount was £328, 8, 0. The account was sworn to before Timothy Farrar.—Ed.]

[R. 3-38] [*Petition of sundry Persons for pay for Horses lost in the Service, 1777.*]

To the honorable Council and Assembly of the State of New Hampshire,

The Petition of the Subscribers, Inhabitants of the Town of New-Ipswich—humbly sheweth

That on the 2^{d} Day of October last past we began our March to reinforce the Northern Army, (agreable to the Order of the General Court) in a Company under the Command of Capt Briant: that each of us took an Horse to carry Packs for ourselves, and others in the Company; that we joined the Army

and continued in the service till regularly dismissed; that, during our said service, each of us lost an Horse, which we have not since heard of, notwithstanding the Pains we have taken. Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray your Honors to take the above into consideration and make such compensation for the loss we have sustained as you in your Wisdom shall think fit—and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

New-Ipswich Decr 25th 1777.

Francis Fletcher
Jonas Woolson Junr
William Clary
Ephraim Adams

Exeter Feb^{r} ye 19th 1778

the Horse of Francis Fletcher I think was worth £30 William McClary 28 Jonas Woolson 35 Ephraim Adams 30 the Horses was ordered forward by me with the advise of other officers

Thos Heald Leut Col

[7-192] [*Petition to pay for a Horse lost in the Service, 1777.*]

To the Honble the Council and Assembly of the State of New-Hampshire,

The Petition of the Subscribers, Select-Men of the Town of New-Ipswich in said State

humbly sheweth

That on or about the first Day of Octr 1777 we pressed on an Horse, the Property of Capt Charles Barrett of said New-Ipswich (agreable to the Laws of said State) to carry Packs for the Men who turned out Volunteers, in Order to reinforce the Northern Army under the Command of Genl Gates; that the said Horse was lost in the Expedition, and has not since been heard of, notwithstanding the pains taken: which Loss we estimate at sixty Pounds lawful Money.

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray your Honors to take the above into Consideration and order such Compensation for the said Loss as you in your Wisdom shall think fit and your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, shall ever pray &c

New-Ipswich 23^{d} Octr 1778.

Wm Shattuck
Isaac Appleton } Select men
James Chandler

Hillsboro' ss Decr 14th 1778

The above named Wm Shattuck, I: Appleton and J. Chandler made solemn Oath, that in Appraising the Horse above mentioned, they have acted impartially & according to their best Skill and Judgment. Coram

Tim^{o} Farrar Just: Pacis

[7-193] [*Appraisal of Estate of Absentees, 1778.*]

An Inventory of the Estate of John Tomlinson and John Tufton Mason Esq^{rs} (supposed to be Inhabitants of Great Britain) lying in N-Ipswich in the State of N-Hampshire, taken into Custody and appraised by the Subscribers, Select-Men of s^{d} New-Ipswich by Authority of an Act intitled An Act to prevent the Conveyance of Estate &c passed in the Year of our Lord 1777. which Estate is owned in Partnership. viz

Lot	60—	Acres	80—	Appraised	at	£420	Taxes	due	£1— 2,
"	164	"	66—	"	"	160	"	"	0—13,
"	163	"	66—	"	"	150	"	"	0—11,
Total		"	212—	"	"	730	"	"	2— 6,

The subscribers charge for their Trouble in appraising and renting out the said Land £4-12-0

Isaac Appleton
Wm Shattuck } Select men
James Chandler

Sworn to before Timothy Farrar, Oct, 24, 1778,

[7-194] [*Relative to Oath of Allegiance, 1783.*]

To the Honourable Council and Gentlemen of the house of Representatives for the State of New-Hampshire,

the Petition of the Town of New-Ipswich Humbly Sheweth; that whereas the act of the Legeslature of Said State passed June 21st 1782 which Requires all Voters in Town meetings to take an Oath of Elegiance to the State, dos not answer the Purposes thereby Intended (but Quite the Reverse) for it dos not Seperate the Enemies of the State, from its friends but has Greatly Devided and Confusd the People; Notwithstanding the arguments that has been use^{d} with the People in this Town to Induce them to Take Said Oath but Sixty-two out of one hundred and Seventy-five has taken it; they Seem Temorous of Multiplying Oaths; the hundred and thirteen that has not taken

it, have Since the Contest as Cherfully paid Taxes and been as Ready to turn out on alarms as the Sixty-two that has taken S^d oath; and are greatly Dissatisfied that they must be Deprivd of Prevaliges, unless they take an oath to be True when they have always been so, and Say that if they are Subject to Taxation they have a Right to Representation; if Said act Should be held in force, we much fear the Consequences; for we Learn Said act has the Same Effect in many other Towns in the State; and further if People Cannot Recover their Dues they Cannot pay Taxes; the Effects of Said act are obvious and plain; the Continuance of Said act we apprehend will be very Detremental to the Unity and Safty of the State.—

therefore we your Petitioners Humbly pray for Redress by a Repeal of Said act; and that your Honorable Body may Cultivate that Union among the People that is Sure to advance a State; if your Honourable Body Shall grant a favourable answer to this our Petition, we as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray.—

New Ipswich Feb. 10th 1783

Isaac Appleton } Com^tee for
Isaac How } N. Ipswich

[Read, and ordered to lay.—Ed.]

[7-195] [*Relative to Militia Regiment, 1785.*]

To the Honble General Court of the State of New-Hampshire.

The Petition of the Subscribers, Selectmen and other Inhabitants of the Towns of New-Ipswich, Peterborough, Temple Lyndsborough, Wilton, Mason, Peterborough-Slip, Hancock, and Society-land, in behalf of our-selves and the Towns we belong to

Humbly sheweth—

That by a vote of the General Court passed at their last Session, the Inhabitants of the Towns above mentioned were constituted the 23^d Regiment of Militia: and that the Towns of Rindge, Jaffrey, Dublin, Packersfield, Marleborough & Fitzwilliam were constituted the 12th Regiment, retaining the Number which they had when connected with the greater part of the Towns first mentioned: which we conceive to be injurious, inverting the order which ought to have taken place in their Numbers. And presuming that the General Court were not rightly informed as to the circumstances of those two Regiments, beg leave to lay before your Honors some facts, in order

to procure an alteration in their Numbers, which we think ought to take place for the following reasons:—The nine petitioning Towns are the oldest by about twenty years taking their age upon an average; Capt Woolson of N-Ipswich having a Commission in the 6th Reg^{t} Dated in the year 1744; before there was a single Inhabitant in any of the six Towns above named, and many years before a Commission was given to any person within their limits.—By means of being united with those Towns we lost our Number from 6, to 12; therefore ought not to lose from 12, to 23, by dissolving the Connection. —By comparing their Numbers and wealth it will appear that we pay £49–15 to the Thousand; they but £32–13:—That there are eleven hundred rateable polls in this Reg^{t}; and little more than six hundred in that:—That there are four field officers in this Reg^{t} who will think it degrading to renew their Commissions in the 23^{d} Reg^{t}: and but one in that: (and that a second Maj^{r})

Thus, Gentlemen, whatever we substitute as a Criterion to determine the right of precedence; whether Age, numbers, wealth, the residence of Field officers or whatever else we can conceive to operate in the minds of the Legislature, the preference is, most clearly, on our side. And as we would not be vainly ambitious for honour, to which we had no title; so neither would we be thought so mean, as tamely to submit to a sentence by which we are degraded below our Inferiors. We therefore apply to your Honours as the Guardians of our rights, humbly praying for a reconsideration of the vote complained of; and that we may be permitted to retain the original Number. And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

Jan^{ry} 27th 1785

Paul Prichard
Eph^{m} Adams } Selectmen of N-Ipswich

Tim^{o} Farrar	Thos Noals Reed	Timothy Fox Ju^{r}
Josiah Walton	Amos Baker	Jonathan Fox
Josiah Rogers	Nathl Hodgkins	Lazarus Cary
Ebenezer Jones	Nathl Farrer	Elijah Newell
Daniel Foster	John Wheeler	Eleazer Comings
Benj^{a} Adams J^{r}	Richd Wheeler	George Start
Eph^{m} Hartwell	James Tidder	Isaac Bartlett
Benjamin Knolton	Peter Fletcher	Benj^{a} Hoar
Seth Wheeler	John walker	Joseph Batcheller
Jesse Carlton	Simeon Wright	Ithamar wheelock
Luther Kidder	John Pratt	William Prichard
Nathan Robens	Enos goodale	Nehemiah Stratton

John Cutter
William Speer
William Speer Junr
Jesse walker
Isaac How jr
John Champney
Samuel Bartlett
Timothy Fox
Peter Shattuck
Silas Adams
John Shattuck
Stephen Adams
Thos Spaulding
Thomas Spaulding Jr
John Binney
Joel Baker
Onesimus newell
Caleb Campbell
Samuell Fletcher
Robert Campbell
Ebenr Fletcher
James Chandler
Joseph Warren
moses Carleton
Zebulon Conant
Simeon Blanchard
John Wheeler jun
Samuel wheeler
William Wheeler
Samuel Fletcher
Nathaniel melven
Benjn Gibbs
John Pratt Jur
William Fariss
Stephen Hildreth
Joseph Baker
Reuben Taylor
Thos Fletcher
Peter Jones
James French
Joseph Briant
Joseh Fletcher
Thomas Fletcher Juner
William Wheeler
William Clary
Francis Fletcher
Ebenr Bullard
Josiah Walton jur
James Walton
Thos Brown
Jonas Woolson Junr
Jonas Whiting
Samll Heywood
Samll Whiting
Frans Appleton
Nathan Parker
James Barr
Timothy Wheelock Jr
Simen Goold Junr
Ebenezer Adams
John Champney Jur
Daniel Bartlett
Noah Bartlett
John Prichard
Daniel Mansfield
Ezra Towne
Shurmon Shattuck
Samuel Chandler
Aaron Kidder
Joel Hildreth
Nathan Walker
Joseph Parker Jur
Ruben Taylor Jr
Zebedee Taylor
William Wheeler Jr
Daniel Clary
David Clary
Ephraim Fletcher
James Tidder
Jonathan Fletcher
William Delap
Enos Knight
David Knight
Ebenezer Knight
Moses Tucker
Benjn Knight
Samuel Parker
Jotham Hoar
Josiah Robbins
Daniel Parker
Samuel Blood
John Preston
Ebenr Parker
Benjamin Procter
Benjs Hoar jun
Nathanel Prentis

[R. 3-40] [*Certificate of Service of Samuel Walker, 1782.*]

This may certify that I the Subscriber one of the Selectmen in New Ipswich in the year 1780 did with the other Selectmen by order of Court hire Six men to serve Six months in the Continental army of which Number Samuel Walker of New Ipswich was one who marcht off and returned with the others, and I never heard but that he faithfully Did the Service and was properly Discharged.

New Ipswich August 27th 1782

Isaac How

[John Goold certified that he served with said Walker for the term of six months, and that they came home together.—ED.]

[R. 3-42] [*Soldier's Bounty.*]

The Bounty paid to Hezekiah Sartwell by the Town of New Ipswich amounts to Eighteen pounds.

Josiah Gilman Junr

Exeter Septr 12th 1786.

[R. 3-43] [*Petition for John Thomas, 1785.*]

[Ephraim Adams, of New Ipswich, states that John Thomas was in the Rhode Island expedition in 1778, and had a horse impressed into the continental service; and that said horse was never returned to him. He asked to be paid for the same. Timothy Fox stated that said horse was worth £10. Josephr Parker and Peter Fletcher testified that they were in the same regiment (Col. Enoch Hale's), and knowing to the fact as stated by Adams. He was allowed £10.—ED.]

[R. 3-48] [*Petition of Capt. Ezra Towne.*]

To the General Court of the State of New Hampshire

The Petition of Ezra Town of New Ipswich in said State humbly shews that he in January AD 1776 commanded a company in the Service of the United States, and that his Men went into Canada then to Albany in the same year and on the first of December in the same year his company marched to Pennsylvania and continued there untill the first day of Janr following and soon after his company was dismissed without rations or any subsistance money to carry them home. * * *

New Ipswich 30th Janr 1786

Ezra Towne

[The petition was dismissed, and he presented another dated February 4, 1788, in which he stated that his company was in Gen. James Reed's regiment, and that the men were discharged February 13, 1777, at Morristown, New Jersey.—ED.]

[7-198] [*Petition for an allowance for Bounties paid Three Years Men, 1785.*]

Whereas it was Enacted by the Authority of the State of New-Hampshire upon January—1781—

That for every recruit raised and Mustered to do three years Service in the Continental Army—the Towns who raised said recruits should be entitled to receive out of the Treasury of said State Twenty pounds equal in Vallue to Indian Corn at four Shillings a Bushel for each recruit so raised—

it appears to us that agreable to the foregoing Act the Town of New-Ipswich raised the following persons for said Service (viz) John Bullard—Peter Bullard—John Adams—Neh^{h} Stratten—Joseph Procter—Stephen Adams—Phinehas Adams—Saml Walker—Jesse Walker—John Thomas—Joel Baker—Amos Baker—Saml Potter—Wm Hewett & Wm Scott—

We therefore desire your Honour the Treasurer for said State to pay the Sums allow'd to the Town for raising the foregoing recruits to Deacon Ephraim Adams and his receipt Shall Discharge you for said Sum—

New-Ipswich May 23^{d} 1785

Hon. J Taylor Gilman Esqr

James Hosley } Select men
Paul Prichard } for s^{d}
Eph^{m} Adams Jr } New-Ipswich

[7-199] [*Petition for an Incorporation of a School, 1789.*]

To the hon^{ble} the General Court of the State of New-hampshire to be holden at Concord in said state on Wednesday 3^{d} June 1789—

The petition of the subscribers humbly sheweth, that on the 15th day of Octr 1787 your petitioners instituted a School in the Town of Newipswich in the County of Hillsborough, and from that time to the present have supported the same, with the assistance of the students, for the benefit of the public; that hitherto it has appeared to answer the design of its institution, and still is in a flourishing condition, being at such a distance from other public schools and Academies, as not in any considerable degree to interfere with the same; which has encouraged your petitioners to attempt a permanent establishment, For which purpose we have procured by subscription a fund of five hundred and twenty pounds lawfull money to be paid in cash or good securities on interest, and three thousand acres of land in the township of Cambden in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts bay, valued at about three hundred

pounds, likewise two hundred acres in Washington in this state, together with some other lands of less value; exclusive of another subscription for erecting a building, which is already sufficient for that purpose. We have further made choice of the persons in whose hands we wish to deposit said fund, Viz; Revd Stephen Farrar, Charles Barrett Esqr Capt Ephraim Hartwell Mr. John Hubbard of Newipswich aforesaid, Daniel Emerson Esqr of Hollis, Revd Seth Payson of Rindge, and Jacob Abbot Esqr of Wilton all of this state, Revd Joseph Brown of Winchendon, Henery Wood Esqr of Pepperrill, in the State of Massachusetts bay; and that vacancies by death or resignation may be filled by the remaining or surviving members.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray your Honors to pass an act, incorporating said School into an Academy by the name of the Newipswich Academy; and that the Gentlemen above named may be appointed Trustees, with all the powers, privileges and immunities usually granted to institutions of that kind, under such limitations and restrictions as your Honors may think reasonable, and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Stephen Farrar	Ezra Towne	Isaac Appleton
Eph^{m} Hartwell	Georg Start	John Warner
Timothy Farrar	Ebenezer Brown	John Preston
Josiah Batcheller	Daniel mansfield	Seth Wheeler
Jeremiah Prichard	Jon^{a} Locke	Reuben Kidder
Thos Fletcher	Eben^{r} Champney	Supply Wilson
Enos Knight	Thomas Heald	Noah Miles
Eleazer Cumings	Benjamin Gibbs	Francis Blood
Timothy Fox Ju	Samuel Whittemore	Charles Barrett
Benj^{a} Adams	Silas Bigelow	
Ephraim Adams	William Prichard	

[An act incorporating New Ipswich Academy was passed June 17, 1789, with trustees as above-mentioned.

This was the second academy incorporated in this state, and its usefulness to citizens of the town and vicinity cannot be measured by dollars and cents.—Ed.]

[7-200] [*Petition for authority to raise Money by Lottery for the use of the Academy, 1791.*]

State of Newhampshire

To the Honourable the Senate and House Representatives in General Court Convened at Concord on the first wednesday of June AD 1791—

The petition of the trustees of New Ipswich Academy hum-

bly shews, that said Academy by the efforts and exertions of the benevolent founders is now and has been for a number of years past in a Situation for the admission of Students and promises under the patronage and direction of your honours whome your petitioners esteem their political fathers to become a most useful Seat of litrature

Your petitioners are assured that the legislators of the State of Newhampshire in imitation of all wise lawgivers will ever be anxious to promote erudition and Science since by this—morality Religion and the love of our Country is Inculcated and established as the only basis on which a republick Can florish

Your petitioners would further represent that said Academy is in such a florishing Situation that one preceptor is insufficent for the purpose of teaching the Students there of, so that an assistant is become Necessary in Consequence of which the funds already established are no ways Sufficient for the purpose of defraying the charges of the same

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that they may have the previlege of raising one thousand pounds by lottery to be applied for the use of said Academy and your petitioners as in duty bound Shall ever pray

Charles Barrett for and in behalf of
the trustees of New Ipswich
Academy

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX.

[*From Gen. Chase's Papers.*]

A Return of Capt John Willoughbys Company

A List of the Officers and Gentle Volunteers, and Soldiers under Col^{o} David Webster—Cap^{tn} John Willoughby

Gentlm Volunteers

Cp^{t} Gershom Burbank	Cp^{t} James Hobbart
Cp^{t} Cuttin Feavor	Lieu^{t} Thomas Bartlet
Lieu^{t} Robert Forsith	Ens^{n} John Southmayd
Lieu^{t} Saml Haseltine	

Privates

Joshua Fletcher	Jonathan Cone
Saml Mers	Nason Cass
Stephen Keys	Josiah Fellows
David Nevins	Naum Powers
Israel Brainard	Isaac Ward
Saml Worthen	John Kemp
Josiah Brown	Darius Willey
Saml Ambrose	Carr Huse

Sum Total 24

Saratoga oct^{r} 10th 1777.

[The following documents relating to the towns therein mentioned were found, together with many other state papers, in a junk-store, since Vol. XI was published. The originals may be found in Manuscript Vol. XII, collection of 1880, in office of secretary of state.—Ed.]

[12–24] [*Enlistments, Boscawen, 1776.*]

We the Subscribers Do Hereby Engage to sarve in the Continental Armey at New york till the first Day of Decr Next

unless sooner Discharged agreable to order from Col Thomas Stickney bearing Date Septr 16 1776—

Boscawen Septr 17 1776

Peter Kimball	Moses Manuel
Samuel Ames	Simeon Jackman
Cutting Noyes	Samll Cofin
Bitfield Plumer	Moses Burbank Jr

[*Relative to John Allen, 1777.*]

Boscawen, March, 7, 1777.

Gentlemen—

Agreable to a Vote of the Committee of Correspondence, &c, in this Town, I desire you to send us attested Depositions, (if it can be,) of any weighty Matters against Mr John Allen, (Itinerant Preacher,) as a dangerous, or inimical Person to the united States.

Our Committee has examined, & search'd him, at a northern Town; & not finding him guilty, dismiss'd him, taking his Promise, upon Honr to come to one of them after he had preach'd three Sabbaths at Grafton, And we have voted to meet, & try him, at his Return.

From your humble Servant

R Morrill Clerk

To the Committee of Correspondence, &c, at Concord.

[12–26] [*Return of Soldiers, Boscawen, 1778.*]

To Col Thos Stickney Sr—

In Consequence of your orders bareing Date the 23d of this Instant I Do here by Return to you Willm Jackman & Daniel Carter to serve as Soldiers agreeable to your warrant Please to muster them for Boscawen—

this from your Humble sarvent Peter Kimball Capt

Boscawen June 27 1778

[12–27] [*Return of Soldiers, Boscawen, 1779.*]

Boscawen July 13 1779

To Col Thos Stickney—

Sr In obedience to orders Receivd bareing Date July 2d I have Raisd 2 men for the Defence of Roadiland to serve Six

months their Names are as follows Viz Willm Jackman & Daniel Carter

this from your Humble Servn^{t} Peter Kimball Capt

To Col Thos Stickney

[12–28] [*William Rogers's Complaint, Bow, 1776.*]

To Colonel Stickney S^{r}

The Complaint of Wm Rogers of Bow Humbly Sheweth that whereas Capt Been of Bow aforesaid Yesterday out of Malice as I supposed Insulted me, at the same time Slighting the Commission your Honour was pleased to Confer upon me, in Drafting me to Go to Canada as a Private Soldier Before the Company you Commissioned me in Which I think is a Great imposition on me, & will if passed over unnoticed have a tendency to make all Commissions for the future of no Consequence Therefore upon the above Complaint I Report S^{d} Capt Been, & Desire that he be tryed By a Court martial For his Conduct

Dated Bow July 9th 1776— William Rogers

Col^{o} Thomas Stickney Concord—

[12–29] [*Return of Soldiers, Bow, 1776.*]

Sir Bow Sep^{t} 17th 1776

Persuant to your Orders Dated ye 16th Instant I have Raised three Men, who will appear att your house att the time appointed and will be Equiped and Ready to March as Soon as Orders are Given

The men Inlisted are Jonathan Currier Ephraim Kinsman Ralph Cross Junr

this from yours &c

Benj^{a} Bean

To Col^{o} Stickney

[12–30] [*Return of Soldiers, Bow, 1778.*]

Bow April ye 24th 1778

Sir—

Persuant to your Orders of ye 13th I have used my utmost Influence to procure the Remainder of our Continental Soldiers

but to no Purpose, and have at Last proceeded to Draught them whose Names are as Follows Viz—

Edward Russell, paid his Fine
Goen Hemphill
Simeon Heath, paid his Fine
Elijah Colby, paid his Fine
Richard Clough Junr paid his Fine
These from your Humble Se^{r} Benj^{a} Bean

[12–31] [*Soldiers' Enlistment, Bow, 1780.*]

State of Newhampshire Rockingham ss

We the Subscribers whose Names are hereunto Subscribed do voluntarily Inlist our selves into the Continental Sarvic for three months from the time we git to the place of Randevose and we promise and ingage that we Will be obediant to such officers as may or shall from time to time be set over us and we also ingage that we will be obidant and subject to all Ruls and regulations that may or shall be from time to time in s^{d} Sarvis

Dated at Bow this 1 Day of July 1780—

Reuben Currier
William Walker
Levi Clough

[12–32] [*Canterbury "Train Band."*]

A List of the Men Names From fifty to Sixteen back

Callop Heath	Sargent Morriell	Edmond Kizer
William Glines Juner	Abraham Morriell	Benjamon Sanborn
Samuel Hans	Thomas Hovit	Nathaniel Pallet
Richard Hans	Benjamin Heath	Joshua weaks
James Maloney	David Foster	William Moore Juner
Gidden Bartlet	Nehemiah Clough	Stephen Sutton
Richard Ellison	Epharam Carter	Mickel Sutton
Jonathan Gils	Levit Clough	Robrt Curry
Simen Roberson	Henry Clough	Jonathan Weast
Walter Hans	Hezekiah young	John Weast
Thomas Gipson	Daniel Felcher	Benjamin Blanchard
Richard Glins	Phinehas Flacher	Jonathan Blanchard
William Miles	Joseph Sanborn	Joel Blanchard
Obadiah Clough	Jeremiah Ladd	Nothaniel Moore
Joseph Clough	Benjamin Wicher	John Moore Juner
	Jonathan Wicher	

Edmon Colbey	Jesse Stiviens	Samuel Moore
Jeremiah Danford	Samuel Colbey	Simon Stevens
Stephen Hans	Asa Foster	William Simons
John Forrest Juner	Benjamin Johnson	John Glines
Ezekiel worthen	Jonathan Foster	John Foss
Daniel Randel	Baranat Stils	Samuel Grrish
David Ames	John Been	Nathaniel Glins
Abener Hoyit	Humpre Clolbey	Robert Foss
Benjamin Simson	William Forrest the 4	Aaron Sargent
James Towle	Joseph Woodman	Simon Sanborn

Totle 76—in Number in the Second Company in Colonal Stickney Regment Taken By us James Shepard Capt Laben morrill Livt James Glines Livt Jeremiah Hacket En^{s}

the Number of Guns in the Second Company is 36 in Number

[12–33] [*Canterbury "Train Band" and "Alarm List."*]

The following being a return of the train band under my Command in Canterbury

Lieu^{t} thomas Gilmon
Leui^{t} Ebenezer Kimbal
Ensign William Sanborn
Sargant Richard Blanchard
Jacob Heath
David Norriss
Willi Perkins
Corper^{ls} Jesse Cross
Nathan^{el} Derbon
Gideon levet
Joseph Carr
Fifer Joseph Hancock
Privets thomas Cross
John Cross
George Hancock
Benjamin Collins
thomas Clough
William Kinestone
David Kinestone
John Derbon
Shubal Derbon
William Glines

Privets William Diah
Peter Huneford
David morrison
Nathaniel Witcher
John mcDaniel
Jeremiah Daniel
Abner miles
Samuel miles
James Soyer
Nathaniel Perkens
James Blanchard
James Perkens
David Blanchard
Jonathon Wodaly
William Kenestone
James Simon
Abraham Derbon
thomas Cross
Jonathan Sanborn
Ezekeil Gilmon
Obediah Davis
William Hancock

Larm Lest Names

William Glines
Benjmin Blanchard

Lieu^{t} Charls Gliden
Leu^{t} Jonathan Heath

Shubal Derbon	John Cross
Ensi Archelaus miles	Gideon levit

A true Return

Per Me Edward Blanchard Captain

[12-34] [*Enlistments, Canterbury, 1776.*]

Canterbury September ye 18th 1776—

We the Subscribers do hereby Ingage our selves In the Continental Servis, and forthwith to March to New York and joyn the Continental Army there and Continue therein untill the first day of December Next Unless Sunner Discharged

As Witness our hands—

Samuel Gerrish	Joshua Weeks
William clement	Nathanaiel pallet
Henry Clough	Israel Glines
Sargent Morrill	

A Return of the Names of the Continental Soldiers Inlisted for the Town of Canterbury in the State of New Hamps^r for the Term of Three Years or During the War—

John Holden—of Canterbury	The Capt Unknown	1
Elkins Moore	Capt Robbenson	1
Parson Eastman		1
George Sheperd	in Capt Stones Company	1
Robert Hastings		1
James Hastings		1
Nicholas Hall		1
John Rowing	in Capt Grays Company	1
Andrew Rowing		1
Abner Fowler		1
Thomas Hoit	in Capt Livermore's Company	1
Walter Hains	in Capt Frye's Company	1
Prince Thompson		1
Ebenez^r Varnum of Conway	in Capt Livermore's Company	1
Pratt Chase of Concord		1
Loyd Jones		1
William Walker	in Capt Fryes Company	1
Aaron Hale of Boscawen	the Captain Unknown	1
John Mills of Nottingham		1
		19

Nath Glines Capt Frye Comp Continental Soldiers
Samuel Danford Boscawen Ditto

Canterbury July the 2d 1777—

Pursuant to the precept from the Honourable Thomas Stickney Esqr We do hereby make a true Return of the Above Mentioned Soldiers they being Inlisted for the Town of Canterbury and State of New Hampshire—

James Shepard
Edward Blanchard } Captains

[12-36] [*Enlistments in Canterbury, 1780.*]

Canterbury July 4th 1780

We the subscribers hereby acknowledge to have Voluntarily enlisted to serve the United States of America for three Months from the time we shall Join the Army of the sd United States at the place appointed for Rendesvous by the Commander in Chief of said Army

Witness our Hands—

William Foster
Ezekiel moore
Asa Forster
Daniel his mark × forster
Elkins his mark × Moor
moses davis

[12-37] [*Enlistments in Canterbury, 1781.*]

Canterbury 24th July 1781

We whose Names are underwritten hereby acknowlege to to have volentarily inlisted to serve as Militia in the Continental Army for the term of three Months from the time of our joining said Army On the encouragement given by the Town of Canterbury at a Muster for the purpose of raising sd Men, And engage to equip, and march whenever we shall receive orders.

Samson his mark × Battis
thomas Curry
peter Blanchard
John Sutton

[12–38] [*Capt. John Cram's Return, Chichester, 1776.*]

Colony of New Hampshire

To the Honourable Thomas Stickney Esq Colo[n] of the Thirteenth Reigement of Miletery in the Colony Aforesaid—

Percuent to orders I have Received from your honour I have acordingly Mustered my Company and have Enlisted Eight Able Bodyed Effective men—

Also An a Count of all the Training Soldiers under my Command from Sixteen to fifty years ld

Drumer one	001
Sargents and privates Seventy Eight	078
Also those of the alarm List Eighteen	018
Those Gone into the Service for twelve Months four	004
Also the frinds or the People Called quakers Six	006
	107

P[r] me John Cram Cap[t]

Chichester July the 12th 1776

[12–39] [*Concord Enlistment, 1779.*]

Concord july 12th 1779

We the Subscribers do hereby Enlist as Soldiers In one of the New hampshire battalians for one year and promise obedience to our officers and Subject to the regulation of our armey

Nathan Martin

[12–40] [*Concord Enlistments, 1781.*]

Concord, July 17th 1781

We the Subscribers do voluntarily Inlist ourselves as Soldiers in the service of New Hampshire for the Parish of Concord for the Term of Three Months after our Arrival at the Place of Rendavous unless sooner discharged and we promise obedience to our Officers and to be subject to the Rules of the Army during said Term—

As witness our hands

Jeremiah Virgin
Jeremiah Chandler
Moses Reed
Phenehas Ayer
Joseph Blanchard
David Eastman
Miller Kimball

[12-41] [*Agreement between the Town of Exeter and Edward Gilman, 1647.*]

The 4th of November 1647:

The Agreemt of ye Inhabitants of ye Towne of Exiter—Impe That we do accept of Edward Gilman the youngest to be a Townsman amongst us and do give an grant him liberty to sett up a saw mill or mills in any River within the liberty of Exiter, and to have the liberty of ye River for ye use of ye mills and of ye pines for Sawing or mast or any other timber for Sawing, to have the privilege of it wth in the liberty of Exiter.—

2: The aforesd Edwd Gilman do engage himself to come and live as a townsman among ym and to sett up a mill by the last of march next Ensueing if he can or at the farthest by the last of August next Ensueing:

3 the sd Gilman doth Engage himself to lett ye Townsmen have what boards thay stand in need of for their own use in ye Town at 3sh a hundred, and wt two Inch plank thay shall need for floring at ye same price and to take Cuntry pay at price Currtt if the mill shall saw it.

4: The sd Gilman doth Engage himself that what masts he makes use of to give ym as much as if he sawed ym into boards and to allow half a hundred in every 2000 to the town.

5. It is Agreed that Anthony Stanion shall have liberty to put in a quarter part for a saw mill, provided he do make good his proportion or quarter part in every respect of charges as a partner so that the work be not hindered by him, if he doe so forfeit his share to the aforesd Gilman, and to pay wt damage he shall sustain by it, for the true and sure performance of wch wee do bind our selves in fortie pounds Sterling

In Wittness whereunto we have sett our hands—

Edward Gilman

Wm More
Samll Grinfield
his ∃ mark
Nathll Boulter
Beltisha: Willex
Edwd Hillton
} Townsmen

mr Thomas Dudley as he is a Selectman apeared before me at Exiter in New Hampshr & made Oath that this writing is a true Copie of this grant in the Town book this 3d Xbr 1694.

Robt Wadleigh: J: P

vera Copia:

Test Wm Redford Clr:

At a Town meeting the 8th day of June 1657 It was Ordered that all the pines upon the Comons from this time forward shall be reserved for the use of the said mills that are sett up allready, and for ym that shall be sett up wch are now Granted; Provided that notwithstanding this order there is liberty for masts, fuel building and Cannoes, and if at any time there shall be any particular grants of Lands made to any: Yet the owners of Saw mills shall have liberty to Carrie of the Pine Timber Except before Excepted

a true Copie att^t Thos Dudley
Abily Dudley
Moses Gilman

vera Copia

Test: Wm Redford Clr:

[12-42] [*Deed, Wadononamin, alias John Johnson, to Edward Hilton, 1660.*]

Know all men by these presents yt I Wadononamin In English John Johnson ye Indian and Sagamore of Washucke and Piscataqua now Living at Washucke wth in ye Collony of N Engld for ye love I bear to English men and especially to Edwd Hilton of Piscataqua Eldest son of Edwd Hilton of ye Same Piscataqua Gentn of ye sd Collony as for divers other Reasonable Causes and Considerations me thereunto Moving have Voluntarily and freely given Grantd Enfeoffd and Confirmed & by these presents do Give Grant Enfeoff and Confirm with ye sd Edward Hilton Junr all my Lands of what Nature Quality or kind sover they are of lying Bounded between two Branches of Lamprell River, Called Washucke being about Six Miles In Length and In Breadth about some place of it Six Miles being a Neck of Land together wth all Meadows Timber Mines or Minerals and all premises and Appurtens To HAVE HOLD POSSESS & ENJOY all & Every part of ye Afores^d Land wth all ye Appurtens Rights and privileges thereunto belonging unto ye sd Edwd Hilton Junr his heirs and Assigns forever In Such Large and Ample Manner Sort & forme as I ye sd Wadononamin In English Jno Johnson may Grant Convey and Assure ye Same only Excepting ye use and Improvemt of ye one halfe (if need be) of Convenient Planting Land for & Dureing my Naturall Life; ye sd Land & Every part thereof as before Boundd wth ye Appurtens Rights and privileges thereunto belonging as Afores^d (Excepting part thereof for life as before is Exceptd) then and from thenceforth to be Continue and Remaine unto ye sd Edwd Hilton Junr his heirs and Assigns forever as is Afores^d as his and their own proper Right of a good

perfect and Absolute Estate of Inheritance a Gift wth out Any ye Least Let Molestation or Expulsion of me ye s^{d} Wadononamin In English Jno Johnson my heirs or Assigns or Any Claiming Any Title Claim or Interest to ye Same or Any part or parcell thereof from or under me—

In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand & Seal this 17th day of Jan^{ry} In ye year of our LORD 1660 Anoq Regni Regis Caroli Secundi & H Alias & iii

Wadononamin alias
John ♀ Johnson his mk (Seal)

Sign^{d} Seal^{d} & D^{d} In presence of us

Witness^{e}—

Edwd Hilton Senr
Walter Barefoote
m^{r} Wm Indian
wth one Eis his—
× N Mark

Wadononamin Alias Jno Johnson Appear^{d} before me & Acknowledged this Deed Above written to be his voluntary Act & Deed to ye use of Edwd Hilton Junr this 22^{d} of March 1668/69
Before me—

Samuel Dalton Commiss^{r}

Be it Remembered y^{t} upon ye day of ye Date hereof quiet & Peaceable Possession of ye land wth in Grant^{d} was Given & Deliver^{d} by ye wth in Nam^{d} Wadononamin Indian In English Jno Johnson unto ye wth in Nam^{d} Edwd Hilton Junr In Name & Possession of all ye Lands In ye Deed wth in written Contain^{d} TO HAVE & TO HOLD unto ye s^{d} Edwd Hilton his heirs and Assigns forever According to ye Tennor and true meaning of ye Deed wth in written—
In presence of us Jan^{ry} ye 14th 1668—

ffrancis Thornes
Antipas Manerick

Record^{d} According to ye Orig^{ll} the 10th of Jan^{ry} 1669

Per Elias Stileman Record^{r}

Pro^{e} N Hampsh^{r} the foregoing is a True Copy from ye Publick Records of ye Pro^{e} Afors^{d} In Book N° 3 : Page 12th Compar^{d} Novr 23^{d} 1731—

Per Josh : Peirce Record^{r}

[12-43] [*Documents relative to a Convention of Delegates from sundry Towns, 1783.*]

To the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives in Generall Assembly Convened at Concord in the State of New Hampshire on the Twenty Eighth Day of October AD 1783—

Humbly Sheweth your Petitioners from the purest motives did early take an Active part in the Support and Defence of the libertys of the American United States—Despising all the Bombastick Thunder and hauty threats of Britain—and have never been Seduced from a firm and steady Attachment to the Interest of Our Country by All the Allureing Eloquence and Guileful Sophistry of the Archest of her Emisaries—and it is no Exaggeration to say that many of your Petitioners have as Faithfully Served, as Greevously Suffered—and as patiently Endured the fatigues and Distresses of the Severest Campains, and faced as many Dangers in the Service of the United States, as any class of men New-Hampshire can boast of—nor is it doing of us Justice to suppose that all the true Valour and Virtuous principals of the Army; were above our humble Sphere, and only to be found amongst those who were Honoured with Commissions, some of whose characters we should not Injure should we say they did not excell many to be found in the Ranks—so much in their mental powers, as in the Glitter of Dress and Military Parade and though your petitioners have greatly suffered in the Army by the Unparallel[d] fatigues of long and tedious marches—Severe Conflicts—and Miserable Accomodations in Our Cantonements from the want of money and necessary supplys so that many times we were Naked and Destitute, yet the Glorious prise for which we Struggled and the pleasing prospect of future happiness in a land of Freedom Excited to that fortitude and patience So Conspicuous in the Army—nor Can it be pretended that the Army were the only Sufferers by the War—many yea very many of our Virtuous Cityzens have Suffered almost unparalleled Distress by the Desolating Raveges and Barbarous Cruelty of the Enemy—

And those virtuous Patriots who have Served the publick in Court and Congress; with but a Scanty pittance for their Important Services together with those who have Used every Effort, by loaning their Interest to the publick to make the circumstances of the Army as Easy as possible and have Suffered Great loss by the Depreciation of a paper Currency and are now with us Suffering for their Dues have Justly merited the Attention of Our Legislature—

Your petitioners therefore beg leave to Unbosom their Poignant Grief to their Fathers and Guardians in General Court

Assembled (when we find that by the Resolves of Congress the Officers of the Army are Intitled to half pay for life or five Years full pay; as a Reward for their Sufferings—while those who (to say the least) have as Greatly Suffered are liable to be Taxed for the payment thereof) and Also to Expostulate a little on the Injustice of adding Unnecessarily to the Miseries of the Distressed And wherein doth it appear necessary that this Additional grant, should have been made to the Officers—were their Sufferings Greater than of those Already Enumerated—why then should they be thus Distinguished by the particular favours of Congress hath not their pay been Doubled since the Commencement of the War—and had the Soldier a proportional Allowance—

If it be said the Grant was necessary to prevent their leaving the Army—were they not under Equal or Greater obligations to Continue in the Service than the Soldier (if their Obligations Rose in proportion to their important trust) or why Doth the Deranged officers participate the Boon; while those whose impared health Caused them to Resign are excluded—Can it be supposed that the murmerings of the Soldier would have so Readily procured him a Pension as a place in a Gaurd-house—Can it then be Just to Raise the Officers to a State of Opulence at the Expence of the happiness of those full as Deserving—Will the State of Our Finances Admit of such liberal Donations—and Amidst the Acclamations of Joy at the Establishment of a happy Peace—how Dissonant must be the Groans of a Distressed multitude Sinking under the weight of an Accumulated Debt—and we are Confident that the most Deserving among the Officers of the Army Do not desire any Emolument which will so grievously Affect their Distreesed Brethren—nor can your petitioners suppose the afore S^d^ Resolves of the Nature of an irreversible Decree—Therefore in the most Humble and Importunate manner We Implore the interposition of Our Legislature that by a Remonstrance and Petition to Congress—Accompanied with particular Instructions to our Members they Endeavour that Congress Recind the afore S^d^ Resolves and that such measures be taken as will be most Eligible for the Speedy payment of our Wages and for Discharging the Interest on the publick Debt and finally to preserve the States from Bankruptcy—Or that such other methods be taken as You in your Wisdom shall think most Effectual for the Accomplishing those Important purposes, and securing the peace and happiness of the State—And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray—

Ebenezer Drury	Michael George	Henary ——
Bunker Clark	James Stanford	James Moore
Ichabod Perry	James Taggart	James Haukley

Reuben Hosmer	Saml Holt	Zillai Sticknee
Benj^{a} Williams	Saml mitchel	Lemuel Sticknee
Willm Prichard	John Swan	Benj^{a} Smith
Jonas Whiting	Georg Cooper	Paul Sticknee
Saml Whiting	Ruben Hosmer	Saml Potter
Jonas Adams	Willm Blair	Abner Preston
William Hewitt	Thimothey mellone	Levi Adams
Benjamin Bary	Wm Tompson	

[12-49] [*Address from aforenamed Convention, 1783.*]

To the the Honble Council & house of Representatives of the state of New Hampshire, to be conven'd at Concord on the Third wednesday of December next—

May it please your Honours—

We the delegates of Twenty Three Towns in said state having met, beg leave to address & remonstrate to your honors & say, that the Convention being deeply impress^{d} with the importance of the subject wou'd lay the same before your Honors & permit us to be humbly importunate on the subject—The Convention at their last meeting remonstrated, and laid before the Late Honble Court (in part) their matters of grievance but the Close of the year & other causes enduced that Honble body to dissolve earlier than was Thought they wou'd have done, so that our desir'd redress cou'd not be Effected in any part. The Convention assur'd that Honble body of their firm intention to keep that good order & discipline, which all good government most necessarily require—The Convention beg leave again to assure your Honors of their same disposition & intention of doing all in their power to keep up that same good order—And be assur'd the Convention has the greatest abhorence of a state of anarchy (so much to be dreaded) & that they will be as careful as in them lies, to shun every act that may tend that way—

The many Grievances which was laid before the late Honble House, were, the multiplicity of Lawsuits, the Enormous gratuitys to be given to the officers who serv'd in the late war, the Tax on money at interest & the not laying the duty of 5 per Cent. on all imported Articles so strongly Urg'd & recommended by Congress—

The people, in the late war, have accumulated a learge Debt, a great part of the people Contracted the Debts they are now distriss'd for to support the war & many not having the least idea of the smallness of our finances, lent the Public learge sums, which the public pledged their faith that the same shoud

be immediately paid on the expectation of which, they contracted Debts with their neighbours, the Public still withholds payment whereby individuals are Cruelly sued perplex'd Harrass'd & Brot almost to desparation—The war with all its Calamitys did not seem near so distressing as the present times —nothing but gold & silver, (which your honors are sensible are not to be had) will satisfy the gentleman who laid his plan to disconcert every measure that the states were taking to gain the independence they so much desird & which they have gain'd notwithstanding the many obstacles thrown in the way

The Convention apprehend that still those very men woud wish to do every thing that wou'd overturne the government & bring it into a state of anarchy & Distress (so much to be dreaded) & it seems, they embrace the opportunity to call for private debts which was contracted before & during the war for the Convention are really sensible those gen^{t} wou'd not lend the Government one shilling in their distress, nor pay One shilling any otherways, than was extorted from them—Your Honors will be pleas'd to take into your wise consideration & adopt some measure that a medium of trade may be had or that a stop may be put to distressing Suits that is or may be Bro't—The Convention Humbly presume a new proportion will soon be made to levy future taxes by, beg leave to Hint to your honors the great inequality of the present Tax on money at interest and stock in trade and that those articles may have due Consideration with you in your new proportion—the Commutation to be giv'n the Genl Officers who have serv'd in the late war is extremely heavy on the people who are to pay it—The people at home have labor'd hard, have had the war to support in its other branches, & are now reduc'd almost to an alternative of giving their all, & flying to some Howling wilderness & there to begin anew. The Convention woud be exceeding glad to do every thing in their power to compensate those gen^{t} who have serv'd in the field & at the same time woud beg you woud not extort the whole of what is conquered. The war is now clos'd and they cannot, nay they must not expect to be the only gainers therefore the Convention beg your honors to remonstrate, & if any remedy is to be had, that the same may be effected which the Convention still hope & trust will be done—The duty which has been so strongly urged by Congress to be laid on all imported articles the Convention being fully sensible had it been done long before this it woud have been a great step towards raising a revenue and that the States woud by this time have rec^{d} great benifit from it as it woud have put it in their power at least to have paid part of the interest of the national Debt, and that Other nations woud have lent us money in our Distress if they cou'd be assur'd even of their interest

when due—Other nations raise learge sums in this way, therefore the Convention prays your honors to take this matter into your wise Consideration and grant the same as our other states have done—the present method of collecting the excise the Convention humbly conceive might be collected in some other way less disagreable and of greater utility to the government The Convention wou'd beg leave to suggest to your honors that they think some person in each Town might be appointed to collect the excise and be accountable in the same manner as other Taxes are accounted for—The Convention make no doubt but your honors will adopt the measure that will conduce to the good of the whole—The fee-table, the Convention woud beg leave to remonstrate to your honors that they think a regulation Ought to take place in many parts of it. Bills of Cost are mounted at this day to an Enormous sum. Nay, without being justly due in our humble opinion, therefore beg your honors to take into your wise Consideration and make such alterations as may seem to be more equitable and just—The Convention are Deeply sensible of the great embarrasments the government is in for want of regular payment of the Taxes call'd for. But the people have not the money Neither can they get it to pay. The Convention wou'd beg if it is consistant that those Extents for moneys due to the government for the Hier of Soldiers may be postpon'd from being extended, at present—Till the average can be made—the test Act, so call'd, has caus'd much disturbance with numbers of scrupulous minds, therefore beg your Honours to repeal so much of the clause of that act as relates to voters in town meeting—The confession act, so call'd seems to strike the minds of the people that the same if properly made will be very salutary and of great utility to the Public; therefore the Convention beg your hon^r the same may be done —And that the Debtor have liberty to confess any sum that may be due and that a reasonable time (giving security for the personal appearance of the debtor or otherwise payment of the dept) be allow'd the debtor to make payment before Execution be issued—

To all which we pray your honors to give that attention that the necessity of the Case requires, & as in duty bound will ever pray—

In behalf of Convention—

Amos Dakin Charman

Novr 27th 1783—

[12-50] [*Another Address from the Chairman of the aforenamed Convention.*]

To the Honble Council & House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened at Concord in the State of New Hampshire—

May it Please Your Honours—

The delegates of the Towns of Wilton New Boston Raby Mason New Ipswich Peterborough Rindge Jaffrey Dublin Packerfeild Marlborough Keen Surrey Chesterfield Marlow Lyndsborough and Richmond, Beg leave to remonstrate and lay before your Honors the distressing situation of the good people of this State, we wou'd Sincerely Wish the greatest good Order, and beleive us when we say we are determined (as far as in us lies) to maintain Our Government to the fullest extent, as we are Sensible Our All depends, On it. We are fully Sensible of the great embarrasment, and difficultys this State labours Under, and More especially, Our Honble General Court and are well assured they would be glad to do every thing in their power, But the many Objections that Arises to every method proposed by individuals of the General Court, is Augmented & therefore every part is laid Aside—we take the liberty to inform Your Honours we have Addressed and instructed the Honble Councilors and Representatives for the Several Towns before mentioned that they lay before your Honours the greivances, we labour Under—Therefore we must pray Your Honours to give Some Attention, and that we be redressed. The greivances which the good People that have Constituted us to Make Known, is the great Multiplicity of law Suits the Enormous Gratuitys to be given to the Officers who Served in the late war, The Tax on Money at interest and The not laying the duty of five per^ct^ on all imported Articles as Recommended by Congress and has been so Strongly Urged

Therefore confiding in Your great Wisdom we rest Asured of Relief, and as in duty Bound Will Ever pray—

Amos Dakin by Order & in Behalf of the Convention

[12-51] [*Action of the Legislature in the matter.*]

State of Newhamps^r^ In house of Representatives Novr 6th 1783—

Voted that Dr Preston, Maj^r^ White Col^o^ Peabody Mr Shannon, Col^o^ M^c^Duffee, Esqr Blood Capt Clement Mr Barker and

Mr Whipple with such of the Honble Board as they Shall Join be a Committee to Consider of the petition of Amos Dakin in behalf of Sundry Towns—Also the petition of Ebenezer Drury and Others and all Similar matters and Report thereon

Sent up for Concurrence

John Dudley Speaker

In Council the Same day read and Concurred & Mr Worcester Mr Farrar & Mr McClary Joined—

E Thompson Sy

The Committee report as their opinion that the President be desired to direct the Delegates of this State at the Continental Congress to remonstrate to Congress against their granting the five years pay to the Officers of the Army and urge a repeal of the Resolves of Congress already pass'd granting the same—the Committee also beg leave to recommend that a Committee be appointed to prepare a Draft of an Act for a more summary and less expencive way of trying Actions at Law and curtailing the number thereof and making provision for the ease of Debtors in this scarce time of money, and also revising the table of Fees and especially the Article of Travel

John McCleary for the Com^tee

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